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Fire in Japan hotel kills 32, injures 24

TOKYO, Feb. 8 (AP) — A fast-moving fire surged through the two upper floors of the 10-story Hotel New Japan in central Tokyo early Monday, killing 32 persons and seriously injuring more than 24 others.

Of the dead, eight were Japanese. Police said other victims included one American, 10 from Taiwan and eight Koreans. Five other bodies still had not been identified by late Monday.

The cause of the fire had not been determined by Monday night. However, police and fire officials said it was "highly possible" the blaze started in a ninth floor room booked by an Englishman identified as Stephen Dicker.

Dicker, 23, of Yorkshire, Northern England, still had not been accounted for and could be among the five unidentified dead.

U.S. aide denies Israel only ally

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (APF) — A statement allegedly made by President Ronald Reagan to a West German newspaper that Israel was the United States' only reliable ally in the Middle East was denied Sunday night by the White House and on Monday *Welt Am Sonntag* apologized for including the comment in the interview.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said quotations attributed to Reagan Sunday by the newspaper *Welt Am Sonntag* in what it said was an interview with him "are not reflective of his views or of the views of the U.S. government."

"The United States has many friends in the Middle East who share a common interest in deterring Soviet intervention in the region," Speakes said.

He also denied that Reagan had given an interview recently to *Welt Am Sonntag*, the Sunday edition of *Die Welt*, or to any other foreign newspaper.

Speakes said the White House at times gave written answers to questions submitted by journalists, but it could find no trace of such replies to *Welt Am Sonntag*.

The West German newspaper, which published what it said was an interview with the U.S. president to mark his 71st birthday, also quoted Reagan as calling Israel "a faithful ally" of the United States and "a strategic treasure" in the fight against Soviet subversion in the Middle East.

Kuwait, Russia sign agreement

KUWAIT, Feb. 8 (AP) — Kuwait and the Soviet Union signed Monday an agreement for economic, technical, commercial and scientific cooperation designed to push exchanges to new heights. The agreement was signed by visiting vice chairman of the Soviet Chamber of Commerce and Industry N.A. Mukhitdinov and chairman of the Kuwait counterpart chamber Abdul-Aziz Al-Sagor.

A press release said the agreement calls for boosting bilateral cooperation in all fields, systematic exchange of information and regular follow-up meetings.

The agreement underlines the desire on the part of the Kuwait chamber to boost commercial and economic exchanges with a country which supports the cause of the Arab nation and out of our appreciation to this role," the Kuwait chamber statement said.

There were a limited number of sprinklers on the bottom eight floors of the 500-room hotel, but none on the ninth, where the fast-moving fire started, and the tenth, said hotel Manager Masao Hatano. He said the financially-troubled hotel could not obtain sufficient loans to cover the cost of installing a complete sprinkler system.

Hotel Employees' Union spokesman Yukinori Anan blamed the disaster on an inadequate fire prevention system and being understaffed. He said the hotel reduced its staff from 300 in 1975 to 140 this year. Nine room service workers, including two telephone operators, were on duty during the overnight shift, he said.

The hotel is one of a cluster of modern hotels in Tokyo's bustling Akasaka entertainment quarter. Hatano said 350 guests were registered at the hotel at the time of the fire.

Opposition parties demanded that authorities make public a list of hotels and inns in Japan that fire fighting authorities consider "lacking adequate fire prevention facilities."

Fire officials also said the hotel was built with hollow spaces in the walls between rooms. The fire code now requires fireproof blocks which might have impeded the spread of the flames, they said.

Officials said at least three people jumped to their deaths. One guest, Donald Ross McGhee of Melbourne, Australia, said he saw a man clinging to a sheet dangling from a 9th floor window. "When the flames got to him and he dropped, said McGhee.

"It was extremely hard to breathe and the situation was near panic," said McGhee's son Andrew, 25. "People were falling down the stairs of the fire escape."

Hundreds of firefighters using 88 pieces of equipment battled the stubborn blaze for seven hours after it started at about 3:30 a.m. It was declared out shortly before noon.

"All that's left in some rooms are the bedsprings," said a fire department spokesman who toured the gutted floors.

Most of the deaths were from asphyxiation, officials said.

U.S. reports uneven pattern on human rights practices in Asia

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP) — The U.S. State Department reported an uneven pattern of human rights practices in Asia in 1981 in its annual report to Congress released Sunday. The State Department made the following comments in its country by country report:

Republic of Korea:
The climate for civil and political rights in 1981 was dominated by the strong "law and order" measures enacted by the government of President Chun.

It said that successive governments have sometimes exploited the North Korean threat for their own purposes and "the leadership has maintained that special circumstances require acceptance of some limits on individual freedoms."

The report said there were numerous allegations of torture in 1981, "but detainees about to be released were routinely required to sign a statement saying that they had not been tortured during their incarceration; thus, reports of torture are difficult to confirm or dismiss."

Philippines:
The report noted that martial law was formally lifted last January but said the presi-



HOTEL FIRE: Tokyo firemen fought for more than eight hours early Monday to extinguish a fire which raced through the two top floors of the 10-story Hotel New Japan in central Tokyo. Thirty-two persons were killed and more than two dozen seriously injured.

Bonn envoy to Iran attacked

BONN, Feb. 8 (R) — West Germany's ambassador to Iran was ambushed and shot at in Tehran Monday but escaped with light injuries, a Bonn Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Ambassador Jens Petersen and two other persons in armor-plated cars were hit by broken glass but were otherwise unscathed, he said.

The spokesman said the ambassador's car was forced to stop by another car blocking the way. Several men opened fire from close range.

A West German diplomat in Tehran told Reuters by telephone that the attack took place on a highway only five minutes drive from the embassy. He said Petersen's car was ambushed by four men in another car who opened fire with automatic rifles. His driver rammed the other vehicle and drove to safety.

The ambassador was only slightly injured and did not require hospital treatment, the diplomat said.

dent retains in reserve most of the powers he enjoyed under martial law.

President (Ferdinand) Marcos continues to dominate the exercise of power in the Philippines," it said.

It said "abuses of civilians by some military personnel, including killings and summary executions, are a continuing problem in insurgency areas."

It said reports of torture in insurgency areas were fewer in 1981 than in 1980. Reports of arbitrary arrest persisted in 1981, it said, especially in rural insurgency areas.

Japan:
"Democratic institutions are firmly established" in Japan, it said.

The State Department said human rights guaranteed by the constitution "are secured by a just and efficient legal system which includes a Civil Liberties Bureau."

But it said "the political structure has continued to impose significant limitations on individual rights and freedoms."

It noted that although there were reports of torture in 1979 and 1980, no new allegations of torture were reported in 1981.

It noted that in an anti-crime drive in 1981, Chinese authorities held numerous mass sentencing rallies, sometimes attended by many thousands of spectators. Accused who had been sentenced to death after trials would be led out of the rally and executed forthwith. It said that Chinese had traditionally placed emphasis on the deterrence of crime through public airing of details and punishment of criminals.

Although freedom of speech and press are guaranteed by the constitution, it said, "in practice, fundamental, overt criticism of Communist Party rule and party ideologies is not permitted."

Taiwan:
"The human rights situation in Taiwan

remains uneven," the report said. "Taiwan remains an essentially one-party system. Although the right of individuals to run for elective office is recognized, coordinated opposition activity is generally prohibited," it said.

The State Department reported that publication of opposition political views "is closely controlled and the activities of outspoken oppositionists are monitored, both at home and, apparently, abroad."

It said martial law has been in effect since 1949, justified "on the continued perceived threat of military action and subversion from mainland China."

Indonesia:
The report said there were positive human rights developments in a number of areas and said the proliferation of groups concerned with focusing more attention on improvement of human rights continued.

"Restrictions on political expression, however, remain and there is concern among human rights groups over government powers of detention without trial," it said.

The department said that widespread publicity given to charges of torture primarily by police, and disciplinary warnings, "are thought to have had a salutary effect in inhibiting potential police abuses."

Prisons conditions have given rise to charges of abuse, it said, and "there have also been allegations of inhumane treatment of prisoners in detention camps in East Timor."

Malaysia:
The report said: "An independent judiciary and a functioning parliamentary system safeguard most fundamental human rights."

The persistent insurgent threat and the ever-present possibility of renewed communal conflict are cited by the Malaysian government as justification for legislation which legalizes arrest and detention without trial of persons suspected of subversive activity."

Singapore:
The report said that "public criticism of the government is circumspect. Persons are subject to prolonged detention and arrest without trial for pro-Communist activities, activities that incite communal tensions, espionage, and drug use and trafficking."

But it said the government "enjoys broad popular support" and its civil service is efficient and honest."

Thailand:
The department said the focus of human rights activism last year continued to focus on concern over alleged abuses of authority by paramilitary forces in rural areas. The government has promised to bring these units under control, it said.

India:
The department said India has "an independent judiciary, and a flourishing free press. Fundamental human rights are guaranteed in the constitution," discrimination is prohibited.

But it said "there is widespread circumstantial evidence that torture by the police does occur."

It said "there may exist considerable variation in human rights-related conditions from one state or region to another, particularly

As Iran clips \$1 off price

OPEC chief seeks emergency talks

ABU DHABI, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Predictions of dramatic cuts in crude oil prices and production were made Monday as the oil ministers of the United Arab Emirates announced Gulf producers may call an emergency meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Manna Oteiba, who is also OPEC's present chairman, raised the emergency session possibility in a statement distributed by the Gulf News Agency as Iran confirmed Monday cutting oil prices by \$1 from the OPEC benchmark price for Saudi light crude of \$34. Oteiba arrived from London Sunday night after oil talks there.

He said that he was launching consultations with his Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti counterparts, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani and Sheikh Ali Al-Sabah, on "adopting decisions suiting current conditions in the oil market at an emergency OPEC conference."

Earlier reports had said both Yamani and Sabah will be participating with Oteiba in a meeting here Tuesday of the International Energy Committee — an exclusive group of Arab and foreign oilmen, bankers and economists.

The committee's chairman, Johannes Witteveen, was quoted, meanwhile, as expressing the belief that Saudi Arabia — the world's largest producer — "may intervene to restore equilibrium to the oil market by reducing its current daily output of eight million barrels."

"Any new reductions in the price of crude will not have near-term effects in restoring stability to the oil market, which is suffering from a severe shortage in demand," he was quoted as telling the Gulf News Agency.

Sources here said Iran had served notice at OPEC's last meeting that it wanted to cut the price of crude.

Western oil circles confided that they believe Monday's Iran move will kick off a chain reaction of dramatic developments on the international oil and economic scene. Iran is expected to further reduce its price.

probably to \$30 per barrel, with sizable production cuts by OPEC countries in an attempt to regain a price footing, the sources said.

But overall, they added, the price and production cuts will have no short-term effect on the oil market glut, probably "even having the opposite effect of speeding up shipments of crude." They said the drop in oil prices "may make speculative ventures uneconomic for many oil companies and have serious effects on developing countries."

Witteveen, in his statement to the Gulf News Agency, expressed his "apprehension" about the world oil situation, which he said will inevitably have repercussions on global economies. He said the present oil glut was due to "industrial stagnation in developed countries as well as increases in oil prices."

Industrialized countries should "follow strict monetary policies to fight inflation and regain stability in the international payments balance," he added. Attending the Abu Dhabi parley are 16 influential figures, including the chairman of the Saudi Monetary Organization Abdul Aziz Kurishi and the governor of the Central Bank of India.

The meeting of the committee — an offshoot of the group of 30 drawn up from the world's leading economists — was called last week by Gawad Hashem, chairman of the Arab Monetary Fund.

Fahd receives Iraqi official

RIYADH, Feb. 8 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd received Monday the Iraqi First Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan who arrived here carrying a message from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein for King Khalid.

The meeting was attended by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, Foreign Minister Prince Saud and Education Minister, Dr. Abdul Aziz al-Khuwaiter, Yassin left for home later in the evening.

S. Korea rejects Israeli request

SEOUL, Feb. 8 (AFP) — South Korea has turned down an application by the Israelis to reopen their embassy in Seoul, informed sources said Monday.

The Israelis were told that several thousand South Koreans were working on official projects in Gulf states and South Korea did not wish to pose a threat to their contracts by developing its relations with Israel.

Israel's ambassador to Japan is accredited to South Korea.

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Weinberger tours military installations

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Feb. 8 — The U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger arrived here Monday for a short visit as part of his current four-day tour of the Kingdom to review development plans of the Saudi Arabian Armed Forces.

His tour included the Shamsuddin base and the installations of the F-15 warplanes which the Kingdom has acquired from the U.S. recently. Air Force Maj. Mansour ibn Bandar ibn Abdul Aziz, officer in charge of Shamsuddin project briefed the American minister about the project.

Weinberger was accompanied on the tour by Maj. Gen. Ali Yusuf Al-Bouri, commander of the Eastern Province; and Brig. Ali Ahmad Al-Ghamdi, commander of King Abdul Aziz air base.

Weinberger arrived in the country Saturday for talks with Prince Sultan and other leaders in the first leg of his journey to three Arab countries including Oman and Jordan.

On Sunday, his talks with Prince Sultan which lasted five hours included "mutual defense problems and basic coordinated security assistance." Weinberger also was received by Crown Prince Fahd.

Before the meeting with Prince Sultan Weinberger was the guest of honor at a breakfast given by American businessmen living in Riyadh. He spoke to them about the Reagan administration's global economic and military strategy.

Royal order regulates state housing allocation

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — A royal order has been issued to regulate the allocation of government housing units on the basis of priority for those whose real estate has been expropriated for government projects.

According to the Monday edition of *Al-Riyadh*, the royal order says that Crown Prince Fahd will issue further orders specifying the areas to be expropriated and re-planned for new housing units under the new rules and regulations. The housing units will be allotted to the Saudi Arabian residents of the expropriated properties on the following conditions.

The applicant should have been a tenant in the expropriated locality. In case he does not own a house in the same city, he will be given

Child nutrition course planned

DAMMAM, Feb. 8 (SPA) — The Women's Supervision Bureau of the Eastern Province will organize a training course on the standards of child nutrition in rural areas. The course is organized in cooperation with the ministries of labor and social affairs and agriculture and water, in addition to the UNICEF.

The course will be enrolled by 14 women from various parts of the Kingdom and aims at gathering information about child nutrition. The participants represent villages of the eastern, the western, central and southern regions. The course is part of a program to improve nutrition methods and develop the health awareness of mothers in rural areas.

priority in buying an accommodation from the government housing units.

The national, whose property has been expropriated and does not own any other property in the same city, will be compensated for the expropriation and will be entitled to buy a state-owned housing accommodation.

The national, who owns a house in the expropriated locality but does not live in it, or lives in it but own another property in the same city, will only be compensated for his expropriated property.

Anyone being allotted the government housing unit, should not have previously benefited from any other housing project or obtained a loan from the Real Estate Development Fund.

The order further said that a committee will be constituted under the crown prince to draft the terms and bases for the allotment of the state housing units.

Donation given to U.K. hospital

LONDON, Feb. 8 (LPS) — Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth hospital is to have a computer aided diagnosis machine — the first of its kind to be installed in a British hospital — helped by a £50,000 donation from the Saudi Arabian government.

Last year, the hospital launched a £350,000 appeal fund to buy an angioscope which uses a computer to convert a series of X-ray photographs of the blood vessels and circulatory system into a visual display.

The hospital wrote to foreign embassies and high commissions in London asking for support. Last week it received a letter from the Saudi Arabian Embassy promising the donation. The letter said it was felt that "both the purpose and technological nature of the project are worthy of such support and in line with the Saudi desire to alleviate human suffering throughout the world whenever possible."

SR290m works okayed for Mina

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 (SPA) — Approval has been granted to establish three new projects in Mina at a total cost of SR290 million, according to Abdul Aziz Gbandoura, director general of the Mina development project, Monday.

He said that one of the projects involves an extension to the King Khaled flyover at a cost of SR200 million. The second project provides for transferring the two slaughter houses from the northern area to Muaysem district at a cost of SR60 million. The new area allo-

cated to the slaughter houses is nearly 70,000 square meters. The former site will be used as an additional residential area for pilgrims and to keep away foul odors which emanated from the slaughter houses when they were located near residential areas.

The third project involves changing the course of the King's Street to divert vehicles from the Jamarat flyover for the benefit of pedestrians. The project will cost SR30 million.

Jeddah to host 8 fairs in 1982

By Habib Rahaman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — Al-Harithy has planned to hold eight exhibitions this year at the Expo Center here. An Arab health exhibition will be held beginning Feb. 20 for six days and will be followed by the Ideal Home and Consumer Goods show from March 24 to April 2. A Turkish show will be held for 12 days starting April 23.

The National Industry Exhibition will be held from May 16 to May 22, while a tourism

show is slated for seven days from June 5. The Ramadan Souk-okaz is set for 12 days from July 5, and the Middle East construction show will be held from Nov. 4 for seven days. The year's last show will be fifth Motor Show from Nov. 28 to Dec. 5.

The Arab Health Exhibition, the largest to be organized in the Middle East, will be held in collaboration with the London-based Fairs and Exhibitions Ltd. and the Middle East Health magazine. It will feature a wide range of medical and hospital equipment.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman signed Monday five contracts for constructing buildings of the emirates in Zafri, Sulati, Hamra, Zain and Dhurma. Each contract, all awarded to national firms, calls for constructing residence for the emir, guests, a mosque, a ceremony hall and various services. Completion is expected after 12 to 15 months.

RIYADH (SPA) — Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb, also acting municipal and rural affairs minister, will open Tuesday a seminar of mayors. To be held at the Higher Commission for the Development of Riyadh's headquarters, the seminar will deal with various municipal projects, improving the function of municipalities and problems facing them. The seminar will last two days.

RIYADH (SPA) — Deputy Riyadh Governor Prince Sattam, who is vice-chairman of the Supreme committee for the transfer of the foreign ministry and embassies to Riyadh, signed Tuesday a contract with the Japanese government under which a land plot will be purchased for the embassy at the proposed diplomatic enclave. The agreement was signed by the Japanese ambassador here on behalf of his government.

RIYADH (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri will visit Oman for three days beginning Tuesday at the invitation of his Omani counterpart, Salem Nasser Al-Bousaidi. The two officials will hold talks on promoting cooperation in communications and transport. Mansouri will be accompanied by a delegation which includes Deputy Minister for Roads Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum.

LONDON (SPA) — Sheikh Kamel Sindi,

assistant to the minister of defense and aviation for civil aviation, met Monday with British Trade Secretary John Biffert to discuss promoting bilateral relations. Sindi arrived here Sunday on a five-day visit.

ALKHOBAR (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh will inspect Tuesday desalination projects in the Eastern Province. The minister, also chairman of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC), will visit the desalination plant in Alkhobar and Phase I of the Jubail desalination project. He will be accompanied by Abdullah Ghulsaiga, governor of SWCC.

ALKHOBAR (SPA) — The fourth group of hovercraft pilots graduated here at the hovercraft base of the frontier corps and coast guard. The pilots graduated after a two-year course of theoretical and practical training in modern tactics.

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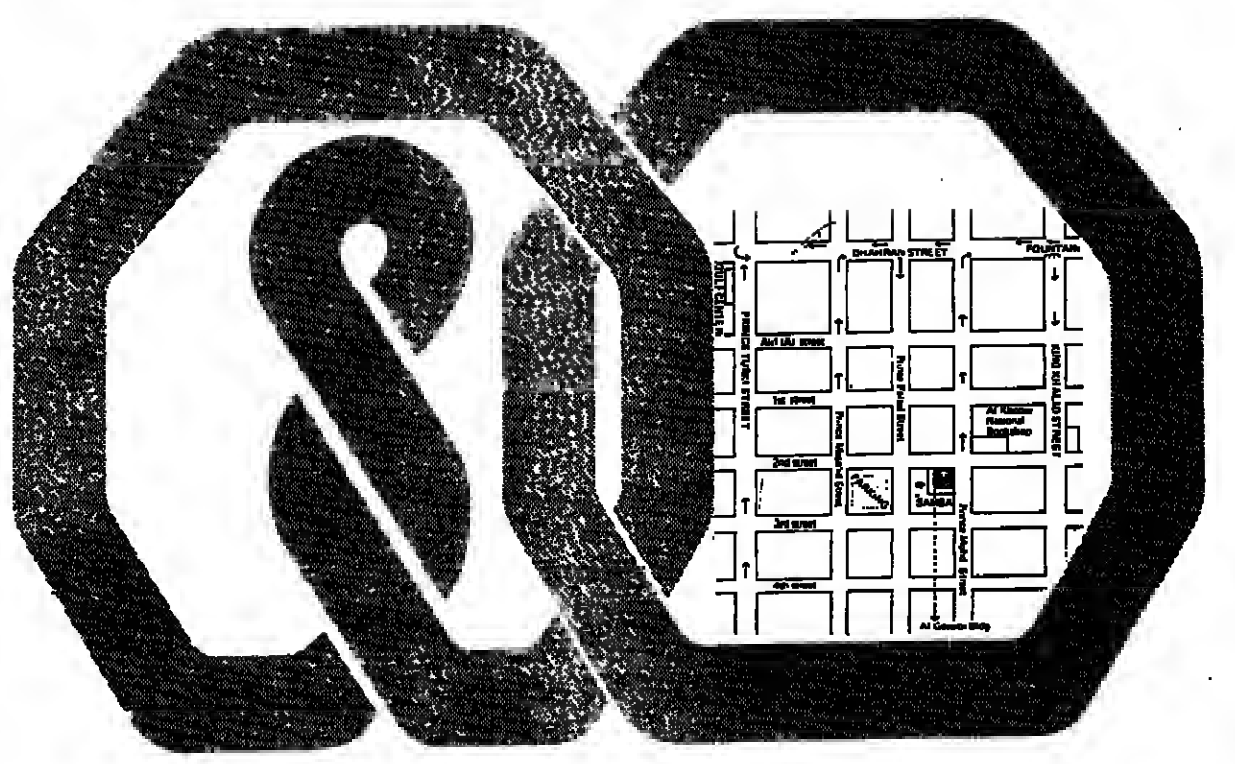
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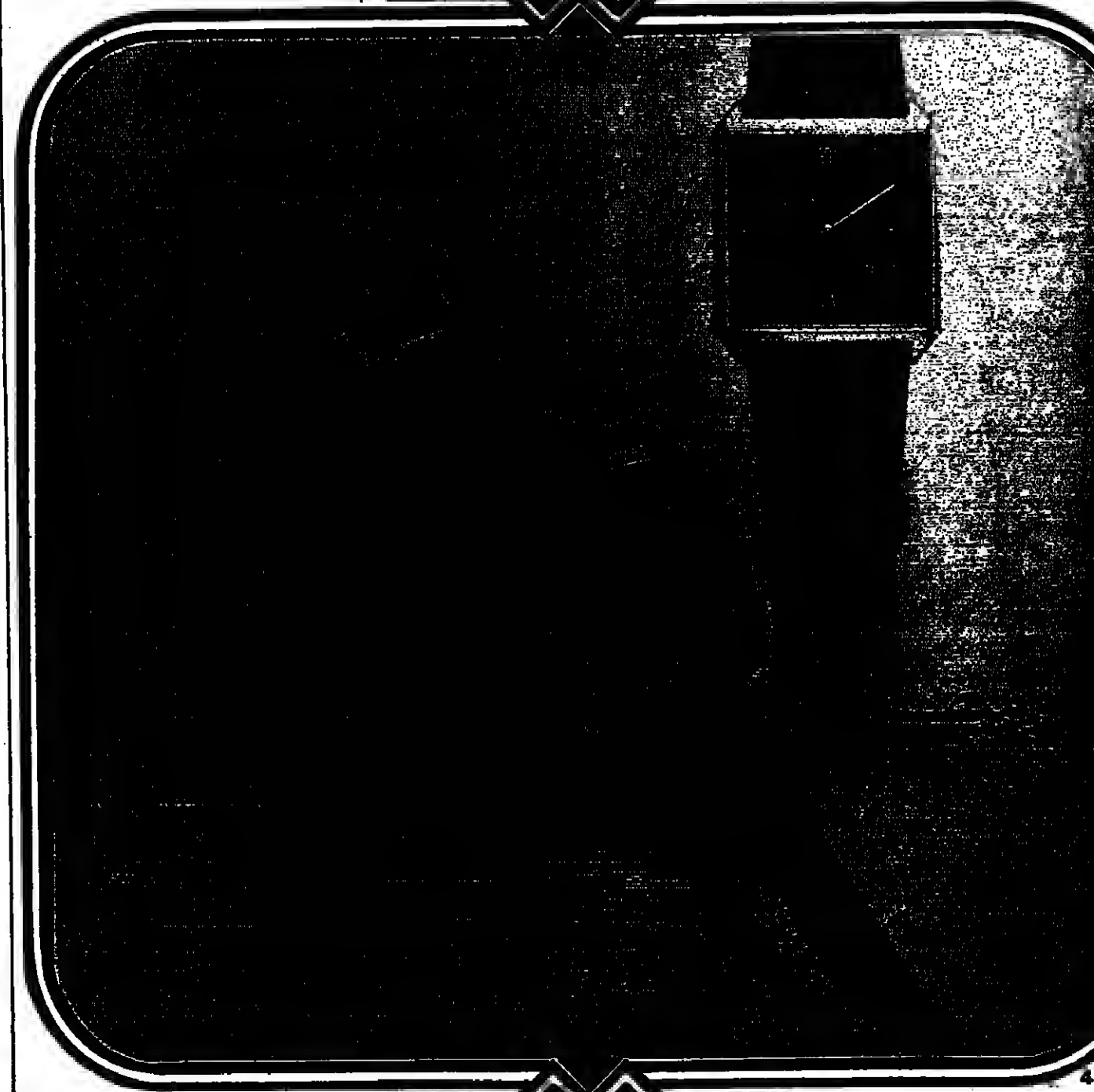


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Minister opens firefighting seminar

By Devadas Kini
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 8 — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim opened Monday a three-day symposium on protection of buildings against fire sponsored by the Saudi Arabian Standards Organization (SASO), the Danish Ministry of Housing and Danish Building Materials Export Council.

The consensus on the first day was the need for coordinating efforts of government, local bodies, builders, engineers and architects to draw up safety concepts and codes. Scientific analysis was stressed to evolve such safety, fire-fighting being a multi-dimensional problem.

Solaim, who is also chairman of SASO, said the safety of person and property is important in a house, shop, railway station or a factory. The symposium, he said, has been organized to integrate local knowledge and international experience and produce the ideal solution to meet the needs of the Kingdom. He welcomed experts from various countries like Germany, Holland, Denmark, the USA and the U.K. who have come to share their experience with the experts from the Kingdom and other Arab countries.

Calling for high standards of safety in the construction of buildings, Dr. Khaled Yusuf Al-Khalaf, director general of SASO, said the government has allocated almost one-third of the five-year plan for this sector. He said the formulation and adoption of national standards for all commodities and products, locally made and imported, has been the objective of SASO. The standards are mandatory on all government as well as private sector industries.

Frantz B. Howitz, royal Danish ambassador in Saudi Arabia, said regardless of differences in culture, climate, size and building traditions between countries, it is a fundamental demand of a modern society to secure protection against the outbreak of fire in homes, hospitals, schools and factories as well as all other places where people gather. A national building code was introduced in Denmark in 1960 based on discussion and collaboration between government, local authorities, private builders and their organizations, he added.

IDB chief hopes to enrol Manila

MANILA, Feb. 8 (SPA) — Chairman of the Islamic Development Bank Dr. Ahmad Muhammad Ali arrived here Monday on a three-day official visit to the Philippines at the invitation of President Marcos.

Speaking to reporters upon arrival Dr. Ali hoped that the Philippines will soon join the 42-member bank which was established to help the member states with soft loans and to boost trade among its members. The bank does not charge interest, in conformity with Islamic tenets and principles, but shares in the equity of the companies formed and in the profits of the transactions that it finances.

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Speaking on the importance of Saudi standards and codes for protecting buildings from fires, Mukhtar Al-Shibani, head of the construction and building materials section of SASO, said the organization has issued standard specifications for many traditional and new materials such as reinforced steel, concrete, various types of bricks, aluminum products, steel pipes, and asbestos products. But it finds protection of buildings from fire is more urgent and this requires establishment of codes of practices, principles of building designs, standardization of building materials taking into consideration all local circumstances and needs of fire protection as well as fire fighting, especially in multi-story buildings and factories.

Fire-fighting and fire-protection needs the experience and cooperation of different scientific specialties as various kinds of materials are used in the construction industry. He said there is a great need for educating people in handling inflammable materials especially

chemicals, petro-chemicals and explosives to avoid catastrophes. He announced that SASO is publishing a booklet, "the industrial safety guide," to help entrepreneurs establishing new factories mainly regarding fire protection.

H. L. Malhotra, head of buildings and structures division of Fire Research Station in the U.K., spoke on international work on harmonizing fire protection stressing the importance of analyzing the origins of fire, and evolving fire safety concepts, fire hazard assessment, fire safety codes and design codes.

Erik Pedersen of the Danish fire protection association and John Larsen of the Royal Danish Ministry of Housing made presentations on the general requirements of safety in society and introduction to fire regulations in Denmark respectively. Major M. Al-Maghrabi of the Civil Defense Department gave details of the fire protection activities of his department.

New firm to promote vehicle sales

LONDON, Feb. 8 (LPS) — A joint venture company to promote vehicle sales and servicing throughout Saudi Arabia has been formed by Yusuf Ahmad Algosabi Establishment and U.K. oil finance house KCA International of London.

Initially, the operations of the new company, Modern Vehicle Center, will be based at Alkhobar, but future plans envisage a rapid development of vehicle sales and servicing with spare parts support in key centers of the Kingdom.

Several distributorship agreements are currently being negotiated with manufacturers, including leading British and international motor industry and allied companies.

The Algosabis are one of Saudi Arabia's oldest-established and foremost trading organizations, with a broad range of activities in most areas of industry and commerce.

Operational and management expertise for the new company will be provided by KCA International's Bahrain-registered offshoot, Middle East Car and Commercial Vehicle Sales and Service EC (MEC). The venture forms a basis for the development of similar operations in other Gulf states.

Sultan in Dhahran

DHAHRAN, Feb. 8 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan arrived here Monday evening on a visit to the Eastern Province. He was welcomed by Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, the governor; Maj. Gen. Ali Al-Bouri, commander of the province; and a number of senior officials and officers.

Arab airlines continue talks

By Maher Abbas
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The Arab Airlines Carriers Organization (AACO) held its second session Monday under the chairmanship of Capt. Ahmad Mattar, Saudia director general and AACO's current chairman.

The meeting was attended by member airlines of AACO and other regional and international organizations taking part in the 16th session — IATA (International Air Transport Association), the Arab Civil Aviation Council and the Arab Tourism Council.

Nahed Al-Khan, secretary general of the Arab civil aviation council, stressed the importance of cooperation and understanding between the council and AACO. He referred to the close ties between the two organizations saying that they complement each other in serving the Arab nation.

AACO Secretary General Salim Salam was decorated with the Arab civil aviation's annual prize "Abbas ibn Farnas" for his efforts in promoting air transport.

Monday's session also dealt with Arab airlines' position toward the international commercial market and tariffs.

SR426m road contracts signed

RIYADH, Feb. 8 (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri Monday signed two road building contracts worth SR426.81 million with two national companies.

Under the first SR177.81 million contract, a 97-km. Mudrikah Huda Al-Sham road will be constructed within a period of 24 months. Upon completion, the road will link the towns of the area to Makkah, through Zaina Al-Jamoum road.

The second SR249 million contract provides for the construction of flyovers and intersections on the junction between the Makkah/Jeddah and Makkah/Al-Kar expressways. The project will take 24 months to

complete.

In another development, Mansouri chaired a meeting of the board of directors of Saudi Public Transport Company (SAPTCO), which approved the company's budget for 1982-83. An agreement was also reached to create new routes for public facility.

The meeting was attended by Prince Khaled ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman, deputy chairman of the board of directors; Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Kamel, executive member; Ahmad Al-Turki, transport undersecretary; Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Zamel, commerce undersecretary, and other members of the board.

Social security to give SR600m

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The social security offices will soon pay the third and fourth instalments of SR600 million to more than 300,000 beneficiaries, according to Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al-Nuaim, labor undersecretary.

He was quoted by Al-Riyadh Monday as saying that several committees have been formed in various rural and urban areas to

make payments to the deserving people and study new cases which could be covered by the social security pension scheme. Meanwhile, the office has adopted several measures for new beneficiaries in all the five regions of the Kingdom, and also has given material assistance to those affected by calamities as well as to the families of sick people and prison inmates.

Farsi, college staff visit airport site

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi visited Monday the site of the old airport here in the company of the teachers and students of the faculty of engineering of King Abdul Aziz University.

Farsi studied suggestions and recommendations by the faculty members about the best means of utilizing the enormous vacant area of the old airport which can become a new township in its own right. He said the

municipality would like to take part in making concrete proposals and contribute its expertise in any future plans.

There have been no final plans about what should be done with the old airport plot which lies on the fringe of the city and extends from the University Road to the end of the new ring road.

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On Sahara ceasefire, referendum

OAU calls for Morocco-Polisario talks

NAIROBI, Feb. 8 (AP) — A mini-summit on the Western Sahara opened Monday with a recommendation that the heads of state find some way to bring the two warring parties to the negotiating table. Morocco, which has annexed the mineral-rich Western Sahara, has repeatedly refused to negotiate with the Polisario Front, which has waged a six-year war for independence of the Sahara.

Peter Odu, assistant secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), said foreign ministers meeting in advance of the two-day mini-summit had recommended that any proposals for a ceasefire and referendum in the disputed Western Sahara, "be negotiated between the two parties concerned."

Odu sidestepped identifying the two parties, but told reporters that the foreign ministers had decided the time has come to name them. "In the past, there's been avoidance of naming the parties to the conflict in the Western Sahara," said Odu, a Nigerian. "The view

was expressed that since everybody knows who is fighting in the Western Sahara, then the summit should call a spade a spade."

Morocco claims the Polisario doesn't exist and maintains that the question is to close its borders with Algeria and Mauritania to prevent infiltration of "mercenaries." It would rather negotiate with Mauritania, which relinquished all claims to the Western Sahara in 1979, and Algeria, which backs the Polisario.

The Polisario insists there can be no peace in the Western Sahara unless they negotiate directly with Morocco.

One OAU official said the mini-summit's success or failure would almost likely depend on whether the heads of state can reach an agreement acceptable to all parties on who should sit at the negotiating table. Odu said, "The OAU does not want to impose anything on anybody. That is why the element of negotiation still remains, negotiation between the two parties concerned. How this

is going to be done will be decided by the heads of state themselves."

Odu said foreign ministers of the seven-ocean implementation committee on the Western Sahara had prepared three documents for the mini-summit — one on proposals for a ceasefire and another on proposals for a referendum.

He said the third document deals with the role of the OAU and the United Nations would play "in matters of peacekeeping and the conduct and organization of a referendum in the Western Sahara."

Odu said the document recommends two options: that the United Nations take complete responsibility "because of the colossal cost of the operation and because of the well-known fact that the United Nations has tremendous facilities in carrying out this gigantic task," or that the OAU and U.N. share the responsibility.

Swiss jet, mistaken for Israeli, hit

BEIRUT, Feb. 8 (AP) — A Swiss executive jet with fuel spilling from its wing made an emergency landing here Monday afternoon after being hit by Palestinian antiaircraft fire aimed at high-flying Israeli warplanes, the state radio reported. Pilot Paul Keller and his co-pilot were unhurt in the incident in which the twin-engine 36A jet operated by Aero Leasing of Geneva flew into the range of the antiaircraft cannons at 400 meters while making an approach to Beirut airport.

U.S. tells Israel to avoid military action in Lebanon

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8 (R) — The United States has asked Israel to avoid military action against Palestinian commandos in Lebanon after the Israelis said they could no longer tolerate commando attacks, government officials said Monday.

The officials said Prime Minister Menachem Begin sent a personal representative to Washington last Monday to tell U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig that Israel was "fed up with repeated violations of the ceasefire by Palestinians."

Haig asked Israel to show restraint and hold off from any military action, one official said. "But he also promised to calm down the situation." The Israeli emissary was sent to

Washington after three commandos were captured by Israeli soldiers in the occupied Arab West Bank on Jan. 30.

The Israelis said the men, who carried large amounts of arms and explosives, had infiltrated from neighboring Jordan but were based in Lebanon.

Israeli leaders have urged Jordan to take stronger measures to prevent commando incursions and warned of military action against Palestinian positions in Lebanon if hostile acts continued. Incursions from Jordan are considered by Israel to violate the ceasefire reached last July after heavy fighting between Israelis and Israeli-backed militias and the commandos.

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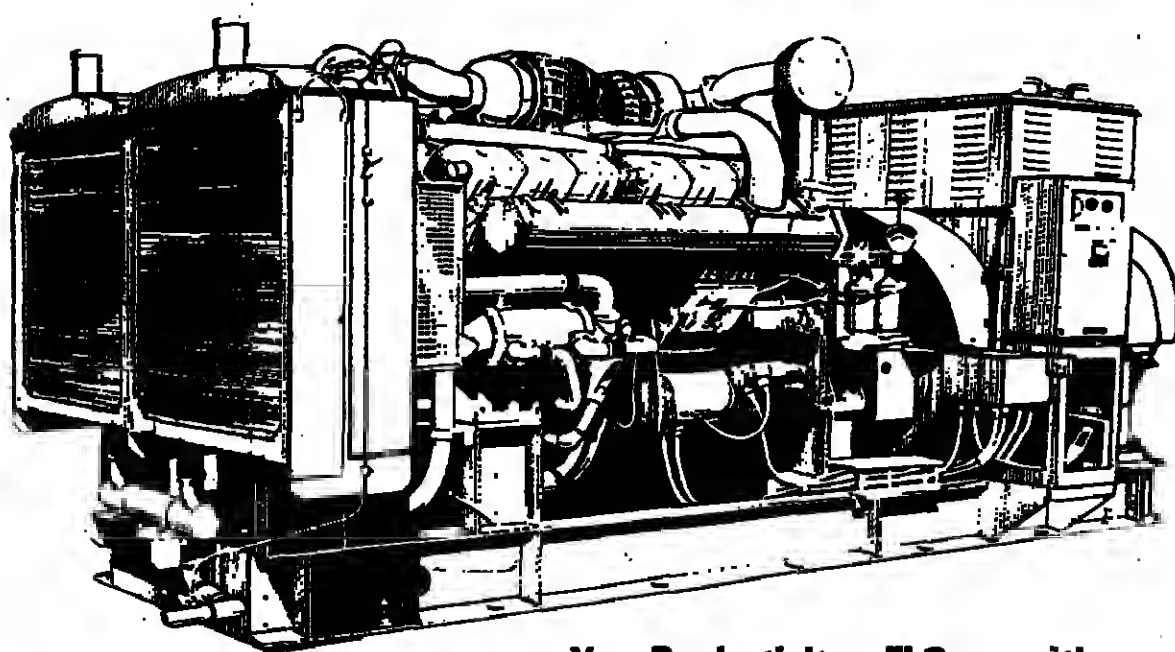
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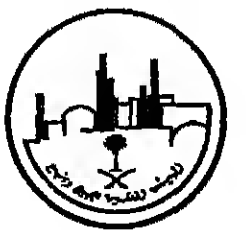
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Egyptian leader in Vienna

Mubarak, Schmidt back rights of Palestinians

VIENNA, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Vienna Monday for his sixth stop on a ten-day tour of Washington and major European capitals. Mubarak was met at the city's airport by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, a long-standing and outspoken commentator on Middle Eastern affairs.

Foreign ministry sources said the two leaders are expected to confer for about two hours before Mubarak departs for Cairo. Their discussions will center on Middle Eastern issues and a briefing of Mubarak's visits to Rome, Washington, London and Bonn in recent days, the sources said.

Meanwhile Egypt and West Germany agreed Monday that only self-determination for the Palestinian people could ensure a lasting peace in the Middle East. At a joint news conference in Bonn after two and a half hours of talks with Mubarak, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt said:

"It is our joint view that an agreed settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict for a full, just and lasting peace is conditional on mutual recognition of the right of all states in the region to live in peace and security, including Israel, and that the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination is also recognized."

Both leaders urged a mutual recognition

between Israel and the Palestinians. Mubarak said an agreement on Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza would be a useful first step toward eventual self-determination.

In Washington last week Mubarak appeared to take a harder line toward the question of Palestinian autonomy than did his predecessor Anwar Sadat. Mubarak called for a "national entity" for the 1.5 million Palestinians living in the West Bank and urged the U.S. to open its own dialogue with the Palestinians.

At the press conference in Bonn, Mubarak said European leaders could help "promote meaningful dialogue" between Israel and the Palestinians.

Schmidt praised the policies Mubarak has pursued since becoming president after the assassination of Sadat last October and pledged further economic aid for Egypt, which already counts as one of the major recipients of Bonn's development aid.

The chancellor said West Germany stood by the European community's 1980 Venice Declaration on the Middle East and wanted to see "peace and security for all states in the region." He stressed that "we in Bonn examine very carefully all statements from Arab states (testifying) their readiness for peace, looking for encouraging signs."

Rajavi's wife, Mujahedeen leader killed

NICOSIA, Feb. 8 (AP) — Musa Khatibani, a leading member of the Iranian dissident group Mujahedeen Khalq organization was killed Monday in a police crackdown on Mujahedeen hideout in northern Tehran, the official Iranian Islamic Republic news agency (IRNA) reported.

IRNA said Ashraf Rabi'i, wife of self-exiled Mujahedeen leader Masoud Rajavi was also killed.

IRNA described Khatibani as the No. 2 leader of Mujahedeen Khalq organization and head of the group's paramilitary branch. The agency said Mujahedeen's "important hideout" in Tehran's fashionable northern area was discovered early Monday.

It said a number of Mujahedeen central committee members were arrested, adding that "Rajavi's wife was also among those who were killed in the clash."

Masoud Rajavi fled to Paris last summer. Together with former Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr who leads opposition to the Tehran regime from his Paris headquarters.

BRIEFS

PARIS (AFP) — King Hassan II of Morocco left here Monday at the end of a two week private visit to France which included three working sessions with French President Francois Mitterrand. The king said the meetings — held at the French president's initiative to dispel misunderstandings which may have arisen between Paris and Rabat after the Socialist victory in the elections here last summer — were satisfactory.

PEKING (AFP) — A seven-man Iranian delegation is currently in China, on a visit that apparently marks an improvement in relations between Peking and Tehran. Hajjatoleslam Abolfazl Sarafraz, the delegation leader, conferred Monday with Deputy Foreign Minister He Ying on bilateral relations and the Iran-Iraq war, an Iranian diplomatic source said.

CAIRO (R) — Eight persons were killed when a fire broke out in a large carpet factory nearby Alexandria, the Cairo newspaper *Al-Ahram* reported Monday. The factory was gutted by the fire and first reports estimated the damage at about \$10 million.

HAVANA (AFP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro, current chairman of the Nonaligned Movement, conferred here Sunday with Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ahmad Azizi, according to an authoritative Cuban source.

CAIRO (R) — Abdul Aziz Shourbagi, former chairman of the Egyptian Bar Association and a bitter critic of the late President Anwar Sadat, died Sunday aged 69.

MANAMA, (AP) — The ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa received Monday U.S. Senator and former astronaut John Glenn.

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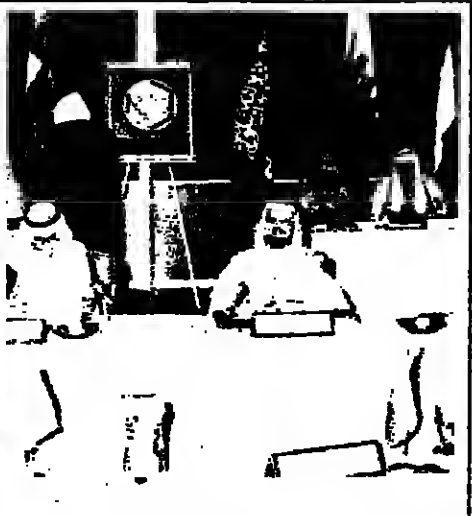
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MUBARAK'S PROBLEM

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in London that he would like to see the Western European nations playing a positive role in resolving the difficulties surrounding the issue of Palestinian "autonomy." The president did not speak in terms of the Europeans applying pressure — what he wanted from them, given their relations with both Israel and the United States, was more to mediate and offer counsel than anything else.

The problem for Mubarak now appears mainly that of the situation of the Palestinians and their rights, as the other problem of ensuring Israeli withdrawal from Sinai appears to have been settled. As there are four Western European nations taking part in the multinational force which is to police Sinai after the withdrawal, Mubarak is seeking to bring their weight to bear over the still outstanding issue of Palestinian "autonomy," over whose meaning Egypt and Israel are at odds.

One of the major European countries not taking part in the multinational force is West Germany. But the good relations between it and Egypt in the fields of economic and social development, and the fact that there is little love lost between Chancellor Schmidt and Israeli Premier Begin mean that its considerable influence could also be mobilized toward solving the problem.

The outcome of Mubarak's visit to the United States appears to have been somewhat short of what he had hoped to obtain. Points of view remained divergent over the timing of the "autonomy" talks. The reasons for America's stand appear to be connected with internal political considerations. The Americans also appear confident that Begin has no more surprises up his sleeve and that all is set for an on-schedule withdrawal from Sinai.

Which is for all sides the major priority at the moment.

Saudi Arabian press review

The success of Arab diplomacy in getting the U.N. General Assembly pass a resolution imposing sanctions on Israel for its annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights and the emergency meeting in Manama of foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) were the main topics for editorial comment in Monday's newspapers.

Al-Madinah urged the Arabs to recognize their true friends who stood honestly and sincerely beside their just cause in the international organization against the Zionist annexation of the Golan Heights. It regretted the support of some U.N. members for Israel since the beginning of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Commenting on the GCC foreign ministers meeting, *Al-Jazirah* said the gathering was a clear evidence of the capacity of the Gulf states to take their own security decisions and adopt their military moves to safeguard every inch of their territories and at a short notice. The paper also said the formation of the GCC has increased the responsibilities of the member states in facing the international powers backing the Zionist entity.

Al-Riyadh called for mobilizing Arab potentials and cementing Arab solidarity in the wake of the U.N. resolution which has placed Israel in a tight corner and on the verge of being dismissed from the international community. The paper observed that the U.N. resolution is but the first step in a fierce struggle with Israel and its allies "who are trying to turn the Zionist enemy into a mighty striking power in the region with the aim of keeping the Mideast in disorder, terror and confusion."

Okaz urged the Arab states to make full use of the international condemnation of Israel by adopting a unified strategy to put the U.N. decision into effect and to impose an international isolation on the Zionist entity.

The paper called on the Arabs to resume their adjourned Foz summit at which they can draw up a joint strategy based on the Arab plan for peace in the Middle East. It also urged the Arab press to undertake full responsibility in unveiling the aggressive nature of the Zionist entity worldwide.

Commenting on the current visit of U.S. Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger to Saudi Arabia, *Al-Bilad* said bolstering the Saudi Arabian military force is the prime concern of the Kingdom's leadership "in order to safeguard Arab and Islamic interests and reinforce the path of progress, security and welfare not only in Saudi Arabia but in the whole Arab and Islamic world." "Out of its Arab and Islamic responsibilities, the Kingdom is going ahead with building up its military power in harmony with the Arab policy," it added. (SPA)

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The failure to launch the talks, known as the "global negotiations," is frustrating any chance of progress on a new deal on trade and aid between rich and poor countries. Hard-line Third World countries are refusing to countenance any other initiatives until the negotiations have begun.

The letter was written after Trudeau and Lopez Portillo met in Mexico City on Jan. 13 to review the results of Cancun.

It starts by saying that the summit was "extremely worthwhile" and adds: "One of the unique aspects of Cancun was the nature of our discussions — the frankness and informality with which we spoke to each other, the lack of rhetoric and recrimination in our remarks, the genuine attempt we made to come to grips with the real problems and the consensus which developed on most crucial issues we examined."

But it continues: "None of us, however, can be content with just fine words or an admirable spirit, are completed in time."

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Letters to the editor

Today in History

Sir,
Ever since I came to Jeddah eight months ago, I have been a regular reader of *Arab News*. Besides the good variety of news and features in your newspaper, I enjoy reading the recently introduced column of "Today in History". The column helps enlighten us with past events.

I am also hopeful that your continuous efforts for the development of your newspaper will be crowned with success.

Very truly yours,
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Blatant Hypocrisy

Sir,
As an American whose father traces part of his heritage to Poland I have followed the situation in that country with considerable interest. I am forced, however, to comment on what I feel is blatant

hypocrisy on the part of the U.S. government, which has registered such righteous indignation over the institution of martial law.

It should be remembered that this same group of individuals and institutions must shoulder almost sole responsibility for the imposition of conditions on the Palestinian people which are at least as severe as those being experienced by the Poles, and of a much longer duration.

There is some "excuse" for the Russians; they are well-known as Godless tyrants, even to their own people. America, however, which professes "liberty and justice for all," must be called to account for its blind support of a regime whose terrorist tactics and callous disregard for the most basic of human rights—the right of a people to live in their own land—are as vicious as any currently being used by the Soviets in Poland.

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NATO summit in June to 'shape response to challenges'

By Sidney Welland

LONDON — Western leaders have arranged to meet during five days in June to grapple with a long list of problems troubling the United States and its European allies. President Reagan will be making his first trip to Europe after 16 months in the White House, and several key players in Western diplomacy will be engaging in large-scale summitry for the first time.

"There will certainly be no shortage of problems to talk about," a senior official of the 15-nation NATO Alliance says.

The Reagan presidency has been plagued by what both U.S. and European diplomats describe as a rising tide of "misperception" across the Atlantic — over America's nuclear strategy, Poland, arms negotiations, trading rivalry and high U.S. interest rates. West European officials report widespread satisfaction in allied capitals that Reagan has decided to stay on in Europe for a NATO meeting after attending a Western economic summit at Versailles, near Paris.

The economic summit from June 4-6 is an annual fixture on the Western calendar and brings together leaders from the West's seven most powerful industrial nations, the U.S., Britain, Canada, France, West Germany, Italy and Japan.

Usually, six of the government chiefs — all except Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki — will move almost automatically into a full-scale NATO summit. The only break between the two meetings will involve a one-day trip to Rome by Reagan to meet Pope John Paul.

U.S. and European officials are reluctant to say who took the initiative in suggesting an infrequent NATO summit — likely to be held at alliance headquarters in Brussels — to take advantage of the president's stay in Europe. All they will say is that all 15 NATO governments thought it was "extremely useful" to meet. By June, there may be 16 NATO nations if arrangements for Spanish entry

are completed in time.

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this still remains a problem, with the U.S. straining to keep West Germany and other allies to a NATO plan to station 572 new U.S. missiles in Western Europe starting next year.

On Poland, the U.S. has expressed restrained displeasure over West European reluctance to snap trade ties with the Soviet Union or to impose other strong retaliatory sanctions. The Reagan administration has failed in a year-long effort to get Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Mitterrand to back out of a multimillion-dollar pipeline project to carry Soviet gas to West Germany and France.

U.S. policy over El Salvador is expected to be increasingly challenged. Some West European leaders fear U.S. military involvement in what they see potentially as "another Vietnam." France has agreed to sell arms to the leftist government of Nicaragua despite Washington charges of Nicaragua's complicity in helping to ship Communist arms to insurgents in El Salvador. Canada has criticized U.S. aid for El Salvador's ruling junta.

West European countries are cutting aid to Turkey — a NATO member — in protest against Ankara's military regime, while the U.S. plans increased support for the Turkish army.

Friction over trading practices has grown in recent months, with the U.S. accusing European suppliers of dumping steel on the American market and undercutting U.S. farm exports. Both sides have threatened trade restrictions. A senior official of the 10-nation European Economic Community said last week that the U.S. and the EEC were closer to a global trade conflict than at any time since World War II.

Western Europe and the U.S. remain divided over high U.S. interest rates which Europeans say affect their economic growth.

This problem dominated the last Western economic summit in Ottawa last July, and is likely to provoke renewed European protests at this year's meeting. A U.S. spokesman said last week that Reagan had no plans to cut interest rates.

Greece's Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papa-

ndreou has struck out on a staunchly independent course since he won power last October, threatening to break military ties with NATO and refusing to join NATO sanctions over Poland.

Mitterrand has questioned the continued validity of the 1945 Yalta Agreement which laid the basis for the division of Europe into two blocs, and Schmidt has said East-West dialogue must go on despite U.S. insistence that the Polish crisis makes "business as usual" impossible.

Anti-nuclear protests have helped fuel a belief in the Reagan camp that neutralist and anti-American tendencies are growing in Europe, although this is denied by European leaders. Reagan aides have dropped broad hints that resistance to U.S. policies could be exploited by isolationists who would like the 375,000 American troops in Western Europe brought home.

While West European officials generally welcomed Reagan's election after what was widely seen as four years of foreign policy vacillation under President Carter, many are now worried that so much misunderstanding has developed in the past year.

The *London Times* said Reagan's trip to Europe was good news but questioned whether it would be enough "to reverse the dangerous tide of anti-American sentiment in Western Europe." The newspaper said the Polish crisis highlighted what it called a deep weakness in the Western Alliance, that "there is insufficient trust in American leadership."

Former U.S. Undersecretary of State George Ball, writing in *The Washington Post*, said Europeans "no longer trust American judgment and good sense" and are "alarmed by the Reagan administration's compulsive flow of tough talk." He said Western Europe would support the U.S. "only if convinced that Americans know where they are going and that they are not heading toward war through overcommitment to a simplistic ideology." (R)

Canada-Mexico bid to revive rich-poor dialogue

By Geoffrey Lean

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The "Spirit of Cancun" has to be translated into the policies we individually pursue as national governments and into the instructions we give our ministers and officials in the negotiating process at international meetings.

"Three months after Cancun, your co-chairmen are not convinced that this translation is taking place to the extent we had all hoped at Cancun."

The two leaders say the most immediate task in need of the "Cancun spirit" is the launching of the global negotiations. The remind their fellow leaders that although they agreed that the negotiations should be started with urgency, no agreement was reached at the U.N. in December.

"The differences appear to us to be resolvable if all concerned are prepared to show a spirit of flexibility and compromise. We therefore hope that all

of you will continue to take a direct personal interest in the consultations which will resume in New York... The time for decision is at hand. Let us build upon Cancun and ensure that the opportunity is grasped now before it is lost."

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Just in December the United States, which alone is sticking to a hard-line position among rich coun-

tries, seemed ready to agree. U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, and Jeanne Kirkpatrick, the U.S. envoy to the U.N., said the negotiations should be launched forthwith. Mrs. Kirkpatrick even presented a CIA study in support of her view, and two meetings of the National Security Council discussed the issue. The main opposition came from Donald Regan, the treasury secretary, whose department has consistently tried to stop the negotiations taking place. The word "preliminary" was put in at his insistence.

Further pressure was put on the administration, with British help, but just when agreement seemed close the Polish crackdown and Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights took place and naturally preoccupied the president's attention.

The irony is that the two sides are so close but are trapped by two years of fruitless argument, harboring old suspicions and defending old positions even when no substantive obstacle to agreement remains. (ONS)

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 9th, the 40th day of 1982. There are 325 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1788 — Austria's Joseph II declares war on Turkey.
- 1849 — Rome is proclaimed republic.
- 1909 — Germany recognizes France's special interests in Morocco.
- 1978 — Canada orders 11 Soviet diplomats and officials expelled and bars 2 others from returning to Canada, all accused of plot to penetrate security apparatus of Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 1981 — Polish Communist Party dismisses Prime Minister Jozef Pankowski and names Gen. Jaruzelski to succeed him.

Thought for today:
Ask the young, they know everything — Chinese proverb.

Tourism endangered Acapulco squatters refuse new housing

By Jose Katigbak

ACAPULCO, Mexico, (R) — Hotel employee Pedro Morales stood outside his hillside squatter shack overlooking the gleaming resort city of Acapulco and with a wide sweep of his hand said "what a magnificent view."

His wife stood with her back to the view, hand-washing the family clothes under the dim light of a 40-watt bulb. Rubber hoses and electric wires snaked their way from shack to shack in the neighborhood.

The hoses were attached to a deep water well on the hilltop. The wires were hooked to an electric post 200 meters away.

"Be careful of those things," Morales said, explaining that in the absence of public services such basic necessities as light and water were hard to come by in his neighborhood.

"We steal the electricity from the government and buy the water from a group who dug the well," he said.

Morales, like tens of thousands of squatters in the hills overlooking Acapulco, was ordered by the government more than a year ago to move to a new housing estate on the outskirts of the city.

They were offered free plots of land in a new resettlement area called El Renacimiento (renaissance), basic materials including galvanized iron sheets to build their homes and transport for their belongings.

The government's generosity was prompted by hopes that it would clear the estimated 100,000 squatters from the hills because their garbage was polluting the bay and threatening Acapulco's survival as a resort.

According to some of the squatters, police carried out the eviction order with more vigor than usual. Some said they had been beaten and their shacks flattened, a charge denied by authorities. Others left voluntarily either for fear of what might happen if they did not or in search of a better life.

Whatever their reason the majority of the squatters who moved to El Renacimiento, a 740 hectare (1,820 acres) estate some eight miles (about 13 km) from the city center, have had no cause for regret.

The first to move in August, 1980 was Esauquel Calleja. Others soon followed and today Acapulco officials say only about 300 families still live in the hills outside the urban zone limit. In contrast, El Renacimiento, officially inaugurated by President Jose Lopez Portillo in December, 1981, is well-populated.

"I have never been happier than I am now," housewife Dominga Saldania said. The majority of her neighbors echoed the same sentiment though some said that when they first moved in conditions were terrible.

"The government told us to move at the height of the rainy season when work on El Renacimiento was still in the initial stages, so we had to live under harsh and chaotic conditions," one said.

Not surprisingly they rechristened the place El Resufrimiento (new suffering).

Talking to Mrs. Saldania inside her shack, a visitor wonders if she can really be better off now. There are no floor boards. Her children play on the ground and the only partition is a thin, faded cotton curtain strung across part of the room to give the couple some privacy.

"Our house now is no real improvement from the one we had in the hill but we have everything we want here," she said.

To her "everything" is a title to her 120-square-meter plot of land, light and water and easy access to transport, playgrounds and schools for her children.

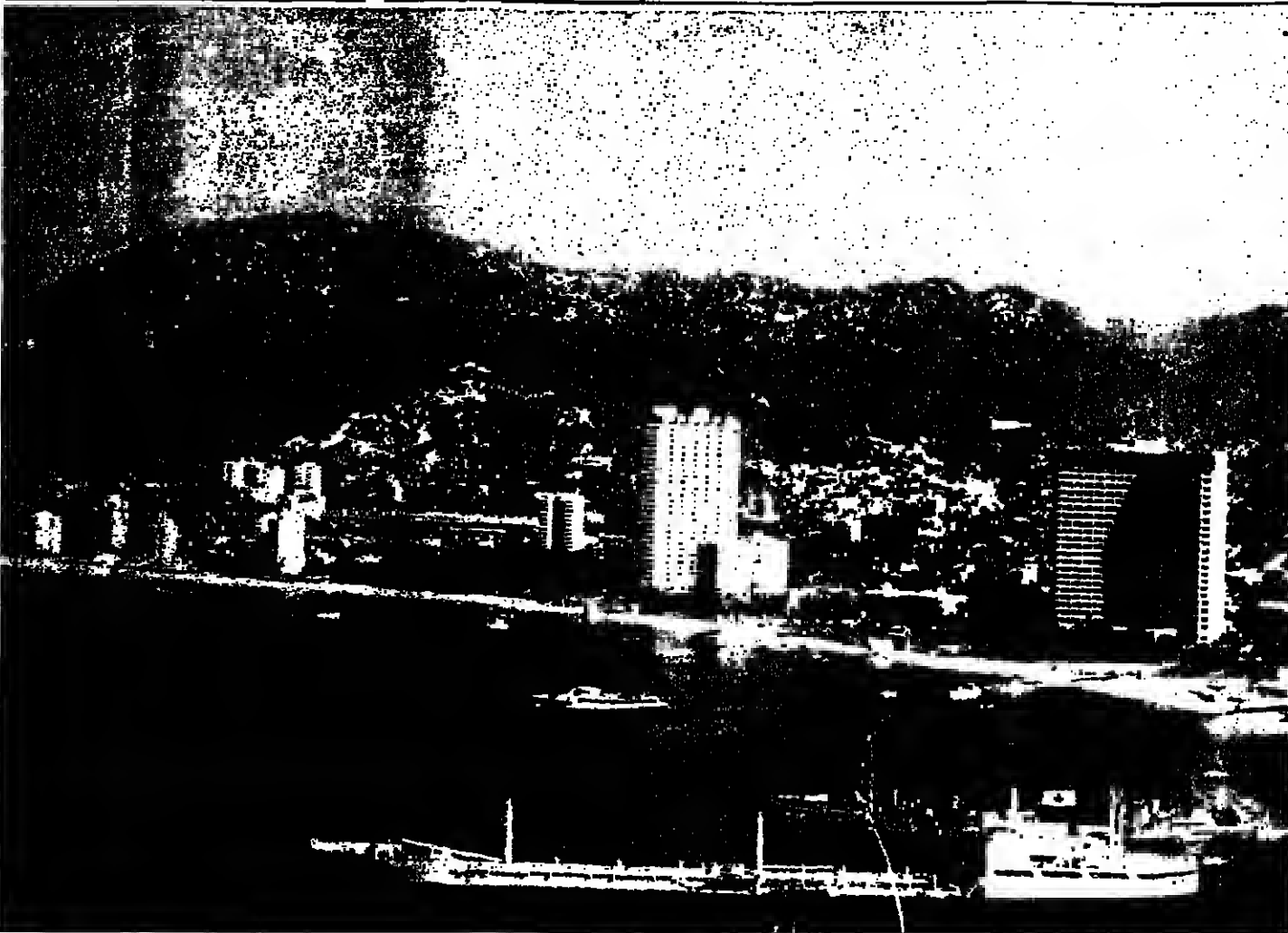
Her dream is to fence her shack and be able to buy a toilet bowl to connect to newly-built drains outside. In the meantime the family make do with a latrine.

Pedro Morales admitted that many of his friends have tried to convince him to shift to El Renacimiento.

But old habits die hard and after 11 years living in the hills he has no particular desire to move. "I am a man and I like to live where it pleases me," he said.

"Morales and those still living in the hills, now a state park, can move to El Renacimiento at any time. But they say they will stay until they are thrown out."

"How can I give up that view so easily," Morales said, still gazing at the bay below.



ACAPULCO BAY: This view of Acapulco provides a good idea of why squatters refuse to move until they are evicted by force. Acapulco Bay is in the foreground with the main beach area located in front of a major hotel. Squatters live right on the beachfront in other parts of Mexico just a few kilometers south of the Acapulco city boundary.

Welfare funds don't reach India

British doctor faces court, deportation, he's in trouble for being too outspoken

By Sunanda Datta-Ray

CALCUTTA (LOS) — British doctor is facing a Calcutta court on charges that could lead to deportation or imprisonment for up to five years. Manchester-born Dr. Jack Preger, 52, who has spent nearly eight years campaigning for the destitute of Bangladesh and West Bengal, was arrested on July 27 last year for allegedly twice entering India illegally and for defying three deportation orders.

The doctor spent more than a week in prison before being released on bail and has since suggested a plan to alleviate the country's insatiable and overcrowded jails. India's Chief Justice has promised to adopt his plans, says Preger.

Preger's story, as he tells it, sipping coffee in a cheap cafe inconspicuously called My Fair Lady, is of a long crusader's campaign against political corruption and bureaucratic obstructions.

Preger denies political involvement as vehemently as he rejects missionary zeal. His only interest, he says, is in the poor, in the disease and dying destitute, of Calcutta streets for whom no one cares.

"Their condition is so desperate," he ple-

ads. "Funds sent from abroad for their welfare don't even reach India."

Such outspokenness gets him into trouble. But Preger, tall and distinguished-looking, with clear blue eyes and curling fair hair greying at the temples, does not care. He is a familiar figure in his streets in his stained white cotton pajamas and tunic.

He arrived in Calcutta in August 1979 after Bangladesh police had hounded him into a Bangkok-bound plane. Preger says that after successfully running two farms and a medical clinic for five years, he fell foul of the Bangladeshi authorities when he accused them of conniving with two European organizations in operating a fraudulent racket in child adoption.

In Calcutta, Preger started working with the Brothers of Charity, one of Mother Teresa's groups. West Bengal's Minister of State for Social Welfare, Nirupama Chatterjee, apparently promised to let him start a rural program and Mother Teresa offered him land. Because things were going well and he was anxious to leave the Brothers and branch out on his own, Preger readily agreed when Indian officials told him that he could regularize his position by registering as a volunteer worker.

"They said it was only a formality, gave me a three-month work permit and promised it would be extended for another year," he said. "But when the three months were up they served me with a deportation order instead."

Calcutta officials pleaded helplessness since the order had been sent from New Delhi. There, they explained that they had only signed an order specifically requested by Calcutta, and they had nothing against him.

No one in the government quite seems to know why Preger is being prosecuted. One explanation could be that India's sluggish bureaucracy cannot stop a case once it is started.

Now the West Bengal minister's work offer has been withdrawn: Mother Teresa will no longer give him land; and having stopped taking money from the American Maryknoll Mission, which used to give him about \$750 a month to soothe Indian suspicions, Preger has had to borrow nearly \$2,000 to continue his rescue work.

His legal problems — three court appearances and another scheduled one also cost money. But Preger is determined to continue his battle. "I intend to go on," he says. "If they deport me, I'll come back."

Patients died in cancer tests

Latest research shows Laetrile is ineffective, advocates question study methods, chemicals used

By Paul Jacobs

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — The final results of a government-sponsored study indicate that Laetrile is totally ineffective in stopping cancer, and they raise new questions about the drug's potential toxicity.

So negative are the results, published for the first time in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, that the publication's editor commented, "the time has come to close the books on Laetrile and get on with our efforts to understand the riddle of cancer and improve its prevention and treatment."

Since the preliminary results of the Laetrile trial were first announced last spring, the drug's advocates have complained that the National Cancer Institute-sponsored study was set up in a way guaranteed to discredit Laetrile.

The complete report, however, is an even more devastating blow to Laetrile than earlier results.

Using the same methods applied in testing any potential cancer drug, scientists at four research centers used relatively high doses of

the controversial chemical on 178 patients.

Within three months of starting Laetrile therapy, the tumors of 91 percent of the patients had increased significantly in size. By five months, half of the patients were dead.

Only a few — 5 percent — reported relief from pain and disability after 10 weeks on the drug.

Many patients reported side effects, including nausea and vomiting, which are common adverse reactions in conventional cancer treatment.

In 11 patients, the scientists found high levels of cyanide, a breakdown product of Laetrile. In a few cases, cyanide blood levels were reached that were known to be fatal in humans. All of the patients, however, were closely monitored, and none died of poisoning. Three patients showed clear signs of cyanide toxicity including headache and a dulling of mental functions.

Anticipating the criticism of Laetrile proponents, some of whom advocate even higher doses of the drug along with very high doses of vitamins, 14 of the patients were treated with a high-dose regimen.

But none of the 14 showed any added benefit of the increased dose. As with the other patients, half were dead within five months of starting treatment.

The toxicity problems and the negative results of the higher dose experiments gave added weight to concerns about Laetrile raised last spring.

The drug's defenders continue to dismiss the results of the \$500,000 study as irrelevant. "They didn't use Laetrile," charged Maureen Salaman, president of the National Health Federation, one of the groups whose lobbying efforts have helped legalize the drug in 27 states.

Salaman contended that instead of basing the active form of Amygdalin, the more precise chemical name for the drug derived from apricot pits, the National Cancer Institute instead prepared a mixture of the active ingredient and its inactive chemical mirror image.

Ernst Krebs Jr., who gave the drug its trademark name in the 1950s, agreed that Laetrile used by the physician-scientists in a

New moons discovered near Saturn

By George Alexander

PASADENA, Calif. (LAT) — Scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory have discovered at least four, and perhaps as many as six, new moons around the planet Saturn. The findings bring the number of known moons around Saturn to 21 or 23, more than twice as many as were known before American space probes began streaking by the big ringed planet a few years ago.

The new moons were found by JPL planetary scientists Stephen P. Synnott and Richard Terrile as they re-examined images of the saturnian environment taken by the *Voyager 2* spacecraft last September. But even when enhanced by computers, the new moons are so small — between 6 and 12 miles in diameter — that they appear on the pictures either as pin-points of light or faint streaks of light.

The additional moons should "help us piece together the history of (Saturn's) rings," said Terrile, "and lends support to the 'collisional theory' that Gene (Shoemaker of the U.S. Geological Survey) and I have been advancing to explain the origin of the rings."

Terrile and Shoemaker last year suggested that the splendid rings encircling Saturn may be the ruins of partly rocky, partly icy moons that were shattered by collisions with comets or asteroids. "We're seeing a greater range of fragment sizes (in and around the rings)," Terrile said, "which is what you would expect to see if these were once larger objects that have been broken up."

The four confirmed new moonlets, according to Synnott, are:

— One in or near the orbit of Mimas, the innermost saturnian major moon, at approximately 116,000 miles from the planet;

— One fragment in the orbit of Tethys, another major moon, at a distance of 183,000 miles. Tethys is already known to have two tiny companions, so this newly-found object could become the third moonlet.

— One between the orbital paths of Tethys and Dione, another major moon, at a distance of about 217,000 miles.

— One travelling ahead of Dione, in its orbit some 235,000 miles out from Saturn, at a so-called "libration point" where the satellite is effectively locked between two opposing gravitational fields.

The fifth and sixth new moons, as yet unconfirmed by appearing in more than one *Voyager* picture, include an additional object around Tethys and still one more small body, some 292,000 miles out from Saturn, between the orbits of Dione and Rhea.

Synnott, who found two new moonlets circling Jupiter back in 1979, said the present search for companions around Saturn isn't completed yet and could well turn up more.

"There's a hint of a seventh moon," he said, "but we have to take a closer look at it before we can say sure."

S. Africans sent 'home'

By Allister Sparks

JOHANNESBURG, (LOS) — In a massive four-day operation South African police again removed squatters from around Cape Town's black township of Nyanga. The squatters had drifted back there after their mass removal last August.

There were several clashes as the police pulled down the flimsy shacks. At one point the police opened fire, wounding four. Ten squatters were arrested, and police say three of their men were injured.

There was a national outcry when the Nyanga squatters were first removed last August, in the midst of a bitterly cold Cape winter. White helpers were prevented from entering the area to distribute food and clothing because the government said agitators were exploiting their plight for political purposes.

More than 1,000 squatters were bundled into buses and taken off to the Ciskei and Transkei tribal "homelands" 600 miles away. Some mothers were separated from their babies in the confusion.

Since then the squatters have gradually drifted back to Cape Town because there is no work for them in the overcrowded and impoverished "homelands."

Under the government's policy of Apartheid, the Western half of the Cape Province is regarded as a "colored preference area." This means the coloreds, or people of mixed blood, are given employment preference over Africans, who can come into the region only on a work-permit basis to do jobs for which there are no coloreds available.

In practice thousands flock into the area illegally in search of work. The African

population of the Western Cape has increased by 63 percent over the last 10 years. But because of its policy the government has built no additional housing for them.

The result is that the Africans erect their own flimsy shacks on the windswept sand dunes of the Cape flats. When the police move in, knock down the shacks and send the illegal "immigrants" back to the "homelands." But because there is no work for them there they drift back again, and the cycle repeats itself.

It is not only in the Western Cape Province where this happens. Although coloreds are not given job preference over Africans in other parts of the country, the government enforces a strict influx control system to prevent Africans from flocking to the cities and swamping white society.

Africans entering the cities illegally are liable to arrest, and an average of more than 2,000 are prosecuted daily. But still they come. Professor Jan Lange, an economist at the University of South Africa, has calculated that an African who works illegally for six months in a city and pays a penalty of another six months in jail for doing so, will be 465 percent better off than if he were to stay in his "homeland."

Leader of the opposition Progressive Federal Party Dr. Fredrik Van Zyl Slabbert, who is also a noted sociologist, describes the policy as "futile and callous. Do what you like, these people will continue to come to the cities," he says.

The government should accept that fact and remove ideological restrictions that prevent them from being housed and from developing an informal urban economic system which could give them a livelihood, Dr. Slabbert argues.

New Orleans music station begins shortwave programs

By Kent Prince

NEW ORLEANS, (AP) — The only commercial, non-religious shortwave radio station in the United States has begun beaming its powerful signal around the world. Soon, it plans to be broadcasting jazz from New Orleans, from Burma to Bermuda. It will take three or four weeks for the 100,000-watt transmitter to be properly broken in.

After the expected final clearance, "The Rock of New Orleans," WRNO worldwide, will switch to regular programming — advertiser-supported broadcast of rock and jazz music.

"There are only four privately owned U.S. shortwave stations now," said Joseph Costello III, owner and general manager. "The other shortwave stations are government operated."

Commercial shortwave stations like WRNO worldwide were common in the United States before and after World War II, said Jonathan David, chief of the broadcast bureau of the Federal Communications Commission. He said Costello's station is the first of its kind in at least 20 years.

Costello said WRNO's powerful signal, transmitted from twin towers on the edge of a Louisiana marsh, will reach most of the world, except for parts of the Pacific.

It will operate 12½ hours a day on short-wave frequencies.

The WRNO signal will fan out of Louisiana in an arc, Costello said, cutting across North America and Alaska at one end, all the way to China, Burma and Sumatra on the other, it will cross the Atlantic into Africa.

Included in the sweep will be all of Europe, the communist bloc countries, and the Mediterranean. Covered by the energy spilling off the back of the transmitter will be Mexico, the Caribbean and part of South America.

"When you consider there what is on the dial, a station with no ax to grind will do pretty well," Costello predicted.

The format will be rock music, punctuated by English-language newscasts from the ABC network every half hour, and advertisements, primarily for American-made products and tourist attractions.

Costello said he is looking for advertisers among multinational companies — soft drink firms, for example — but admitted that his salesmen have waited until the actual broadcasting starts before making approaches.

However, he said he already has sold \$200,000 worth of time. In addition, he said he plans to market, over the air, records and blue jeans — WRNO jeans with a station label on the pocket.

Costello, who operates five AM and FM stations in Louisiana, said he decided to go international after he noticed nobody else had.

At the time, he was running an FM station, WRNO, the original "Rock of New Orleans," playing rock music in stereo to the metropolitan area.

In November 1980, despite misgivings by Charles D. Ferris, the Federal Communications Commission's head at the time, he was awarded the license.

Costello said he would not involve the station in political programming.

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In Weinberger's report

Soviets blamed for toxic war

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger accused the Soviet Union Sunday of violating international agreements against use of biological weapons and toxins and said this "raises a wrenching question for future arms control agreements."

In his annual report prepared for Congress, Weinberger also strongly urged that the United States and its allies cut off all trade which provides the Soviet Union with advanced Western technology and thus "helps preserve the Soviet Union as totalitarian dictatorship."

Weinberger's report was released here as he traveled in the Middle East. It is to be presented to Congress.

The defense secretary underscored the Reagan administration's position that the only arms control agreements that should be negotiated with the Soviet Union are those which are "balanced and verifiable."

"Recently, a set of facts has come to light that creates a most serious problem for any new

arms agreement with the Soviet Union," Weinberger said. He told Congress that the United States "now has many good reasons for believing that the Soviet Union has violated the biological weapons convention" of 1975.

He repeated allegations of "an inadvertent release of anthrax bacteria from a highly secured military installation" in Sverdlovsk in 1979. "This incident points strongly, we believe, to biological warfare activities in the Soviet Union that exceed those allowed under the treaty for protective purposes," he said.

Weinberger dismissed the Soviet explanation that the outbreak of anthrax was due to natural causes as "inconsistent with our analysis of the evidence." Along the same line, Weinberger spoke of evidence that Soviet and Soviet-supported forces in Laos, Cambodia and Afghanistan have used lethal toxins.

"This accumulation of evidence, from many different sources and witnesses, raises a

wrenching question for future arms control agreements," Weinberger said. The past approach to verification, he said, often relies on a theory that the Soviets would not risk violating "isolated arms control provisions that were hard to verify" since there was always some risk of detection and there would be political consequences if they were caught cheating. "In particular, this theory assumed there would be a vigorous condemnation by world opinion and a strong response by many governments," he said.

"What is now left of the validity of this theory" he asked rhetorically. On the question of trade and technology agreements with the Soviet Union, Weinberger said one key strategy to halting what he called the further expansion of the "Soviet military empire" would be to assure that "the productivity and technological creativity of free societies are not exploited to make good the chronic deficiencies of the Communist system."

He focused on the importance of denying advanced technology from the West, but also appeared to suggest the possibility of something wider than that. "If the economy of the Soviet empire is propped up by Western credits, the Soviet Union is enabled to divert more of its resources to its military buildup," he said.

"If the Soviet Union earns foreign currency by exporting raw materials to our allies, it can purchase more equipment to facilitate its arms production and give more to its client states."

On the issue of the importance of Western technology to the Soviet Union, Weinberger said "Without constant infusions of advanced technology from the West, the Soviet industrial base would experience a cumulative obsolescence, which would eventually also constrain the military industries."

Thatcher works incredibly hard, says son Mark

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher "works incredibly hard, but we don't worry about her," says her son Mark, a racing driver.

"She is in peak physical and mental condition and loves it," he told London's tabloid *Sun* newspaper Monday. Mrs. Thatcher will have led the Conservative Party for seven years this week. She became premier by defeating the Labor Party in the May 1979 general election. Mark, 28, was rescued from the Sahara Desert last month after his car broke down in the Paris-Dakar auto rally. He suffered no ill-effects but his mother's obvious concern when he was reported missing for six days, showed that the "iron lady" of politics, as the Soviets dubbed her, has a vulnerable side.

Mrs. Thatcher also has a daughter, Carole, who is in Australia. Mark said his mother never thought of herself as Britain's first woman premier. "Being a woman has nothing to do with it," he said. "She never thought about it that way. I feel mum was the best person for the job."

He said he first became aware that his mother was "not just an ordinary mother" when he was six and she was elected to parliament. "I walked into the cottage and there was this car, covered with pictures of mummy. I didn't fully understand it, but I knew she was special," he said.

He recalled being amazed as a schoolboy at how his mother found time to visit him when he was ill at Harrow School, when she was a cabinet minister. "She has always been a really devoted mother and still is," he said.

Communist alienation eases

French newspapers ignore Chinese presence at session

PARIS, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Two decades of alienation between the French Communist Party — Western Europe's leading pro-Kremlin body — and its Chinese counterpart eased last week, as a Chinese delegate attended the party's 24th congress and the French promised to send a delegation to Peking.

The softening of the two parties' discord over the French party's long-time attachment to Moscow was, however, subtle. The delegate sent to the congress was a relatively low-level official, Chinese Ambassador to Paris Yao Guang. And the French Communists reaffirmed their ties with the Eastern Europeans.

Indeed, observers noted that the Chinese overtures, because of the presence of four Communist ministers in the French cabinet, were more a matter of state-to-state relations, rather than party-to-party ones. The Chinese presence at the congress has been almost completely ignored by the French press. Even the party paper *L'Humanite* only mentioned it briefly within a report on a speech by party secretary Georges Marchais.

One reason reportedly is that the French Communists feel slighted at only being sent a junior diplomat, while the recent Socialist Party congress was attended by a minister and a deputy minister from Peking. Other inconsistencies also exist. The French party is currently campaigning for Paris to recognize the pro-Vietnamese government in Cambodia, while China is giving military and diplomatic aid to the anti-Pinom Penh Khmer Rouge.

China also continues to block any Vietnamese proposals for a renewal of Hanoi-Peking negotiations. And *L'Humanite* prominently reported a statement by former Foreign

Affairs Minister Nguyen Duy who said "Chinese expansionism" was the only reason for Vietnamese presence in Cambodia. The French Communist Party was the last major Western European Communist Party to approve China's entry into the Socialist community.

But it is not easy for either party to forget that China has called the French Communist formation "a revisionist party, the bound of imperialism and the superpowers."

Although Marchais, the party secretary, said that the Chinese presence at the congress "goes hand in hand" with the French Communists' acceptance of the invitation to visit China, certain party members questioned the logic of sending a delegation to a country that considers the Soviet Union their principal enemy.

Former U.S. official alleges radiation lie

SACRAMENTO, California, Feb. 8 (AFP) — A former United States army medical officer has alleged that authorities lied over radiation levels absorbed by 250,000 military personnel during America's 1955-1957 nuclear testing program, and recorded the higher levels in a secret "hot book."

Retired postal employee Van Brandon said he had sworn never to reveal the higher radiation levels which were "way over" (the accepted safety levels), but he feels freed from his oath because "I'm scared of what my grandchildren can go through."

Deng sets example

China to trim top leadership

HONG KONG, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — China will slash the number of its vice premiers to two or three from more than a dozen now in office, the pro-Peking *Ta Kung Pao* reported here Monday.

In a proposed plan to trim the top-heavy leadership, a number of councilors would be created in the state council (cabinet) in their place, according to the Chinese language daily well-informed in Chinese affairs. It said the number of vice ministers of all portfolios would also be reduced to four and the number of directors in these ministries to two or three.

The paper said the plan would include regrouping ministries overseeing foreign and domestic trade. A single ministry would replace the existing ministries and an administration overseeing foreign trade, economic relations with foreign countries, and import and export control. The Chinese Food Ministry and the National Society of Supply and Marketing Cooperatives would be combined with the Ministry of Commerce, it added. The heads of the new ministries had yet to be named, it said.

The newspaper said the plan, when carried out, would halve the number of ministries, commissions and other agencies in the central government. One-third of the present 200,000 staff would go in the proposed shakeup, it said.

The need for reducing China's bureaucracy was first mentioned by Premier Zhao Ziyang in December although the idea of retiring the aged and the incompetent had been in discussion for some time. It was recently reiterated by powerful Vice Chairman Deng Xiaoping.

In the meantime in a bold experiment in leadership transition, Deng is disengaging himself from day-to-day business to set an example for old leaders to step aside. Although the 77-year-old Communist Party vice chairman probably will appear less often in the spotlight, he clearly still holds the reins of power. He is not in apparent political trouble and he is not retiring or resigning any posts. His health is said to be good.

Deng's domestic and foreign policies, including economic reform and Sino-U.S. strategic relations, are not expected to change as a result of his lowered visibility, according to Western diplomatic analysts. "If

the political situation were not pretty stable, Deng couldn't afford a move like this," said one analyst. "By lowering his profile, he has set an example for aging leaders and bureaucrats to retire or step aside," said another.

Official Chinese sources said Sunday that Deng, who has not been reported in public since Jan. 12, "has withdrawn from the first line to the second line." They added he remains China's "most respected leader" and will continue to play a major strategic and policy-forming role, without the burden of receiving numerous delegations.

Deng himself could now be holding the top post of Communist Party chairman, but instead he chose to have his protégé, Hu Yaobang, fill the position. The analysts also note Deng has installed Zhao Ziyang as premier and other "Dengists" hold key posts.

One of Deng's major concerns has been ensuring an orderly transition of power in China, replacing old revolutionaries with good technocrats and bureaucrats to guarantee his policies will be carried out after he is gone. However, some Chinese and diplomatic sources say Deng might be interested in the highest post of president of the republic, if it is restored.

As a second-line leader, Chinese sources said Sunday, Deng will now be concerned with major questions, political strategy and fundamental economic topics, like formulating five-year plans. "First line" and "second line" are part of China's political jargon, quite different than the Western expression "first string" and "second string."

China now is developing a "five-line system" — a kind of hierarchical transition structure in a country where there is no mandatory retirement for top party and government elders. The first line are leaders operating in daily affairs, like Chairman Hu and Premier Zhao. Second-line leaders concern themselves with strategy. The third line refers to advisers. Fourth line cadres are retired but they still have access to information and can influence decisions. Fifth line cadres are retired, but no longer part of the decision-making process.

"They still need Deng very much in the years ahead," said one Western analyst. "They are conscious of his age and want to conserve him like a resource."

Brigades issue new threat

ROME, Feb. 8 (AP) — A message signed by the Red Brigades pledged Sunday that their revolutionary struggle will continue despite the rescue of kidnapped U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, police said.

A Rome newspaper received the three-page document bearing the Red Brigades' symbol of a five-pointed star in a circle and marked "Communique No. 6." The Red Brigades had issued five communiques in the Dozier abduction before police burst into an apartment in Padua in north Italy on Jan. 28 and freed the general.

Anti-terrorist police said the new document appeared authentic but that they had to study it further before making a final judgment.

The message said the "construction of the fighting Communist Party" goes forward. It also blamed the "bourgeoisie" for unleashing "civil war" in Italy. Dozier's rescue triggered a nationwide anti-terrorism blitz leading to the capture of more than 100 Red Brigades suspects in the past 10 days. Police have been helped by tips provided by several of the five "jailers" captured when Dozier was freed.

Police have found the caches on tips from captured urban guerrillas, who are increasingly willing to talk as the Red Brigades organization appears to crumble. Terrorists who "repent" and talk can receive shortened jail sentences.

BRIEFS

KATHMANDU, (AP) — The population of Nepal has been growing at an annual rate of 2.6 percent and now totals 15,020,451, according to preliminary results of a national census issued Monday. The Central Bureau of Statistics gave the breakdown for males as 7,599,046 and 7,421,405 for females.

NAPLES, Italy (AP) — About 200 survivors of the 1980 earthquake occupied the town hall in Ercolano Monday to demand housing and jobs, police said. The protesters barricaded themselves inside the building soon after it opened in the morning, keeping administrators and employees from going to work. The earthquake on Nov. 23, 1980, killed 2,700 persons and made hundreds of thousands homeless. Many of the homeless are passing their second winter in temporary housing and complain that they are unable to find work.

SINGAPORE, (AFP) — The Singapore government Monday released five of the 10 men arrested last month on charges of invol-

vement in an extremist plot to overthrow the government. The 10 were arrested on Jan. 9 and 10, following an alleged attempt by some of them to distribute leaflets in the Malay language, exhorting the Malay community to overthrow the government.

SINGAPORE, (AFP) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington arrived here Monday from Kuala Lumpur on the last leg of his tour of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The British foreign secretary will have talks Tuesday with Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and others. He will also pay a courtesy call on President C.V. Devan Nair.

VIENNA, (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrives in Romania this week on his first visit to a Warsaw Pact state, underlining Washington's support for Bucharest's independent stance in the Soviet Bloc. Haig will be the first U.S. secretary of state to go to Romania since Henry Kissinger accompanied President Gerald Ford there in 1975.

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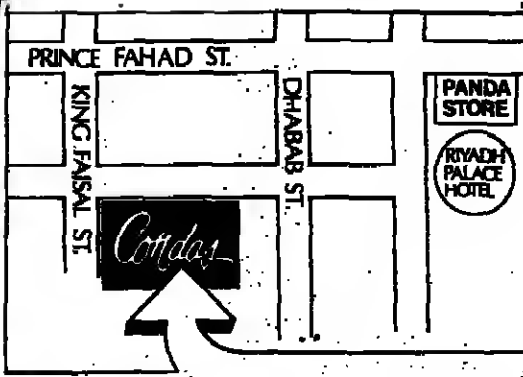


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NATO said wasting billions on weapons

BRUSSELS, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Two leading defense experts, in a report made public Monday, say the North Atlantic Treaty Organization wastes billions of dollars a year by not using the same weapons.

Calling the current system a "logistic nightmare," William Perry and Walter Labege also asserted that if war broke out in Europe, some NATO forces fighting side-by-side would be unable to share ammunition. "Today, NATO wastes perhaps several billion dollars a year in redundant developing, since development of essentially the same equipment is duplicated four or five times within the alliance," Perry and Labege said, in a report published in *NATO's 15 Nations*, a bimonthly review of Western alliance military problems.

Perry is a former U.S. Deputy secretary of defense. Labege is a former NATO assistant secretary-general.

The report said separate development of battle tanks in Britain, France, West Germany and the United States was an example of such duplication. The cost of research and development for the U.S. version, the Abrams Tank, was \$1 billion. They said the countries should have held an open competition for the best tank and then produced the winner in all countries. "Rather than four or five different countries competing and then deciding upon the best tank, each country for its own reasons, proceeds with its own tank, regardless of the merit of that tank," they said.

They said: "The present system is a logistical nightmare. Envision these various countries fighting what is called coalition warfare, in

which their battalions, regiments and divisions are side-by-side on the battlefield. It is easy to imagine circumstances under which the forces might need to share ammunition, tank treads or fuels. Today it is nearly impossible to do so."

For example, they said, the French, British and West German tanks use different kinds of 120 millimeter ammunition. "As a result, three different supply lines must be maintained for something as fundamental as artillery ammunition," the report said.

The report urged the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan to maintain U.S. participation in the few armament cooperation projects that have been started at NATO. Among the programs are dual production of U.S.-invented Copperhead laser-guided projectiles, sidewinder air-to-air missiles, new laser-guided bombs and new night-vision devices, the report said.

The United States also has agreed in principle to let a European consortium take the lead in planning the next generation of short-range missiles. "So far the new administration's technique of arms cooperation has not yet been fully developed," Perry and Labege said. "This can be a time when the U.S. can endorse and expand on the cooperative programs of the last four years or it can let them fade away."

In Washington, some U.S. officials said NATO's arsenal of conventional anti-tank weapons is so deficient that an early use of nuclear weapons is probable in the event of a Soviet attack.

The Pentagon publicly disputes this, but two reports, one by the U.S. Army itself, point to serious deficiencies in the new Viper anti-tank gun to be carried by infantry squads. Pentagon officials told Reuters there were also serious problems with the Light Anti-Tank Weapon (LAW) and a new anti-tank artillery shell called the Copperhead. Some officials also say that the long-range guided anti-tank missiles on which NATO relies heavily will be inadequate to deter a Soviet armored thrust. "This lowers the nuclear threshold," one Pentagon official said. "It makes early recourse to the neutron warhead more likely. Otherwise, a Soviet attack would be absolutely devastating."

A study, dated last July, by the General Accounting Office (GAO), the investigative arm of Congress, says the Viper's warhead is too small to destroy a tank from the front. The army said in a response to the report: "There are no outstanding technical problems on the Viper."

Taipei losing confidence in U.S. pledges

TAIPEI, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Only 10 percent of the people in the Republic of China still believe the United States will honor its commitments toward the island, according to a survey conducted by the local Public Opinion Survey Association.

In telephone interviews conducted late last month, 56.8 percent of 800 poll respondents said they did not have confidence in U.S. pledges. The English-language *China News* reported. The remaining 33.2 percent replied that they were not sure.

More than 68 percent of those who have received college training or senior high school education expressed no confidence in U.S. commitments, as compared with 25.3 percent of those without such education.

The study found that 52.8 percent considered it futile for the United States to play the "Red China card," against 12.7 percent who thought otherwise. The remaining 34.5 percent gave no opinion.

Some 70.6 percent of the respondents favored continued requests for arms from the United States, while 46.9 percent suggested that the government make its own weapons and 17.6 percent proposed purchase of arms from non-U.S. sources. The remaining 29 percent gave no answer.

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Arms caches cited

Mugabe fears coup plot

SALISBURY, Feb. 8 (AP) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe alleges the discovery of large arms caches on farms owned by his former guerrilla partner, Joshua Nkomo, is proof Nkomo wants to overthrow his government.

Mugabe was quoted by the semi-official news agency ZIANA as saying Nkomo's party has bought many farms "but this is just a guise for hiding arms. They joined us in government just to string us along while planning for an eventual takeover of the government." There was no immediate reaction from Nkomo.

ZIANA said Mugabe told a rally Sunday at Norton, 33 kms west of Salisbury, that 30 arms dumps had been found on a farm owned by Nkomo's Zimbabwe African People's Union (ZAPU) near Bulawayo. Bulawayo is the home base for Nkomo's party, whose guerrillas had cooperated with Mugabe's forces during the seven-year war that ended white-minority rule in this former British colony.

Relations between Nkomo's ZAPU and Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) have deteriorated in recent weeks with Mugabe's increasingly strident calls for a one-party state. ZANU, which holds 57 of 100 seats in the national assembly, has accused ZAPU of plotting a coup.

Athens records tremor

ATHENS, Feb. 8 (AFP) — A tremor measuring 4.4 on the open-ended Richter Scale was registered Sunday in the Gulf of Patras region, 170 kms (105 miles) west of Athens, the Athens Observatory said Monday. The observatory said the quake was felt at 2055 GMT.

Meanwhile, a tremor measuring 5 on the 12-point Mercalli Scale shook the region of Macerata in central Italy at about 6:00 a.m. local time (0500 GMT) Monday. It was reported in Rome. Neither tremor caused any casualties or damage.

Monge wins Costa Rican presidency

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Feb. 8 (AP) — Opposition candidate Luis Alberto Monge rolled to a landslide victory Sunday over five opponents to win the presidency and a mandate to guide this central American democracy out of its tailspin toward bankruptcy.

Returns from 680 of the country's 5,835 precincts gave Monge 58.37 percent of the vote to 35.61 percent for his nearest opponent, Rafael Angel Calderon of the ruling Unity Party. The other four candidates trailed far behind.

Monge, 56, of the National Liberation Party, appeared on national television and proclaimed his victory. Calderon, 32-year-old former foreign minister, conceded defeat, saying, "it is evident we have lost a battle but not the war."

The Unity Party is a four-party coalition led by outgoing President Rodrigo Odio Carazo, who was elected to a four-year term in February 1978. He is constitutionally barred from seeking a second term.

About 1 million of the 1.26 million eligible voters had been expected to cast ballots to choose a president for the next four years.

Police caught stealing

BORDEAUX, Southwest France, Feb. 8 (AFP) — French policeman Alain Terrassin was to appear in court here Monday after allegedly being caught red-handed trying to break open a safe with a blow-torch, police sources said. During interrogation, he admitted to 30 burglaries committed over the past five years, police said.

Terrassin, 27, was caught with an accomplice working on the safe of an office in the resort town of Arca, about 50 kms from Bordeaux, police said.

Thorpe named Amnesty director

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP) — Jeremy Thorpe, former leader of Britain's Liberal Party, was Monday appointed director of the British Chapter of Amnesty International, the Nobel Peace prize-winning human rights organization.

Thorpe was selected from 42 applicants and will begin work in March at a salary of about \$22,200 a year. The British Chapter, with more than 17,000 members, is based in London, where Thorpe will head a staff of 12-plus volunteers.

Amnesty's British chairman, Roger Briottet, said they had no doubts about Thorpe's ability. "We were very impressed by Thorpe's deep belief in human rights," Briottet told IRN.

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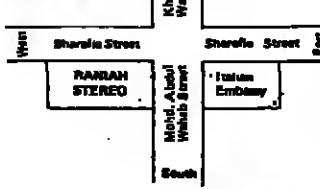
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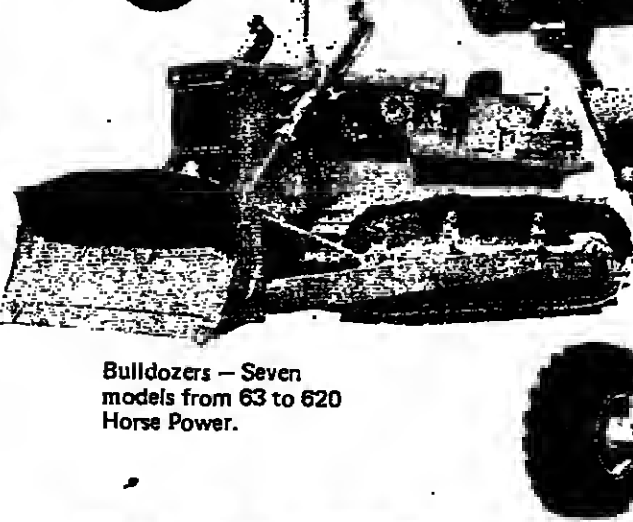


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Schmidt faces party revolt over policies

BONN, Feb. 8 (R) — Just two days after winning a vote of confidence in parliament Chancellor Helmut Schmidt faced new challenges to his defense and economic policies from within his Social Democratic Party (SPD).

Schmidt said last Friday he had sought the rare vote, in which he won a majority of 45, to draw a line under weeks of bickering in his left-liberal coalition over a job creation program.

But senior SPD politicians criticized part of the 12.5 billion mark (\$5.3 billion) program in weekend speeches and said they would seek amendments when the measures were put to parliament.

Foreign Minister Genscher, chairman of the coalition Free Democratic Party (FDP), responded angrily. The SPD reaction was astonishing and damaging to the coalition, he said in a newspaper interview. A local SPD Congress in north Bavaria, meanwhile, defied the party leadership by approving a motion to abandon NATO plans to deploy new U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles in West Europe.

Other local SPD Congress called for no new Western missiles to be stationed and no preparations for such a deployment to be made while U.S.-Soviet disarmament talks continued in Geneva. The only piece of bright news for the chancellor came from the

SPD district with the biggest membership, West Westphalia, which backed the official party line of leaving a decision on the missiles until 1983.

The West Westphalia motion supported NATO's 1979 "twin-track" decision to remain while seeking arms curbs with Moscow, but said the American missiles should not be deployed "if the Western side drags out the negotiations and does not conduct them constructively enough."

Schmidt also suffered a personal defeat when he appealed to a local party Congress in the industrial Ruhr to back NATO plans to station 572 Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles from next year unless Moscow accepts arms curbs by then.

After four hours of heated discussion, the lower-rhine SPD Congress in Essen approved a motion calling for an immediate halt to all preparations for deployment of the missiles. It said a moratorium on deployment of new medium-range missiles by both sides for the duration of the Geneva talks, which Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has proposed, was the best way to influence the negotiations.

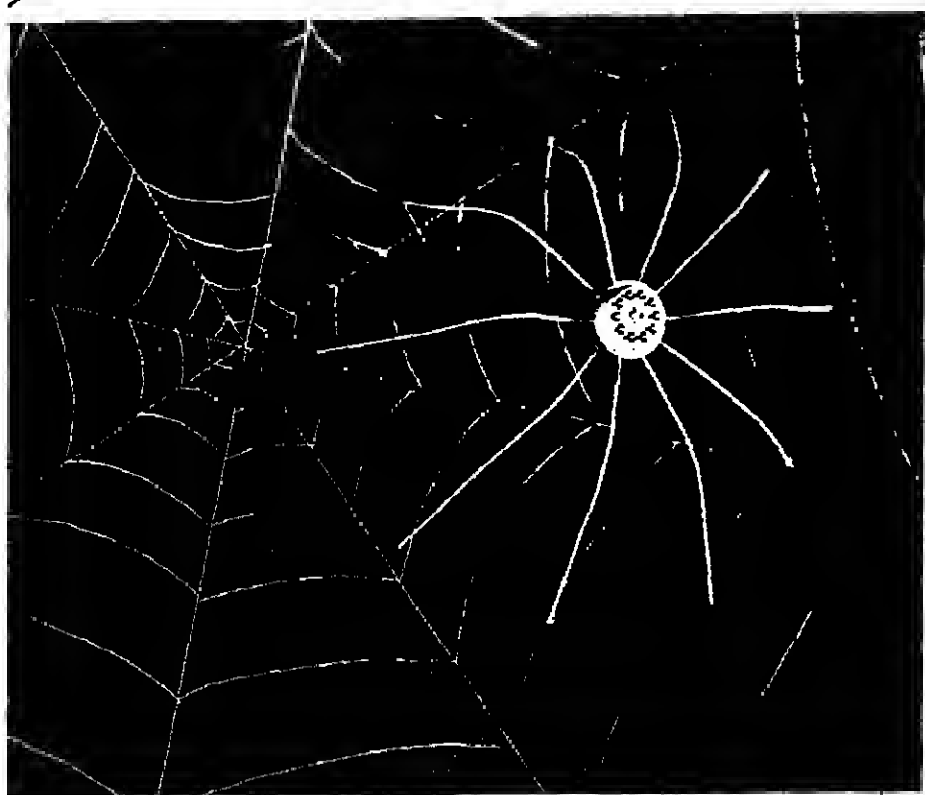
The chancellor had earlier told the meeting of the SPD's third-biggest district that he was convinced Washington and Moscow would agree to a treaty on medium-range missiles. But without NATO's determination to deploy, the Soviet Union would have no incentive to negotiate, he said. He also said voters were "fed up with the Social Democrats constantly arguing in public."

SPD party manager Peter Glotz, who addressed the North Bavaria Congress in a vain effort to prevent the anti-missile resolution, described as socially unfair measures in the job program to liberalize tenancy laws. SPD Housing Minister Dieter Haack said Sunday that the tenancy law changes, to make rent rises easier and allow short-term leases, would have to be reviewed in two years' time if they did not lead to an increase in private home-building.

The conservative opposition has already said it will use its majority in the Bundestag (upper house) to block a planned increase in value added tax designed to finance investment houses for industry. Coalition sources said Schmidt's hopes of winning a breathing space, and putting the same for blocking employment measures on the opposition, now seemed in danger.

The coalition came near to collapse last summer because of public disputes over economic policy, they said, and it could not survive a second such bout of bickering.

If the left-liberal administration did not restore a semblance of unity before this year's four important regional elections, its hopes of survival were slim, they added.



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By raising fees

U.S. banks act to stay solvent

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP-DJ) — In the face of rising costs, U.S. banks are raising fees and adding charges while rendering fewer services in an effort to remain profitable.

Moreover, bankers say that more service charge increases are likely. "As bankers start getting a better handle on their costs, you'll see a wave of price hikes," says Charles Anderson, senior vice president of Southeast First National Bank of Miami. Says Donald Auricemma, a senior vice president at New York's European American Bank "The consumer may look at these charges as penalties, but all the banks are trying to do is get those who incur the costs to pay them."

Inflation in customer banking costs has existed for a while. Last year, 52 percent of the country's banks raised fees on checking accounts, and, according to a survey soon to be published by the Austin, Texas, bank consulting firm of Sheshunoff and Co., bankers at 24 percent of the banks thought the fees should have gone even higher.

The proportion of banks charging fees on savings-account deposits below fixed minimums rose to 19 percent in 1981 from 11 percent a year earlier. And the proportion of banks offering free checking fell in 1981 to 7.8 percent from 9.1 percent in 1980 and 18.5 percent in 1979.

All sorts of new charges are popping up. For example, 54 percent of the country's banks have started charging fees for "exces-

sive" withdrawals from savings accounts. "Excessive" typically gets defined as more than six withdrawals in a fiscal quarter. The seventh, or "excessive" withdrawal, incurs an average fee of 83 cents, according to the Sheshunoff survey.

At many banks, employees used to help customers balance their checking accounts as a friendly gesture. At the American National Bank of Corpus Christi, Texas, the service now costs \$10 an hour. The bank's management is "giving serious consideration" to charging a fee to customers who telephone for their account balances, says Al Jones, executive vice president. Some 8 percent of the country's 15,000 banks already do charge such a fee, averaging \$1.25 a request.

Jones, who is proud that American National was "really the first bank in this part of the country to put on fees," says he isn't mean-spirited. It's just that inflation and competition, he says, have forced the bank to charge for what once was free.

EEC heading for showdown over budget

BRUSSELS, Feb. 8 (R) — Western Europe's 10-nation Common Market celebrates its 25th anniversary next month, embroiled in a dispute about money which threatens to explode into a crisis.

For months, Britain has been arguing with the rest of the European Economic Community (EEC) about demands for rebates on its membership bill. The money involved, as a percentage of the community's overall gross national product (GNP), is minimal.

If Britain wins its battle, the most it can realistically expect is around \$1 billion a year, well under one thousandth of the community's GNP. But the passion put by both sides into the argument has revealed deep flaws in the way the community operates.

It has highlighted the national interests which dominate EEC decision-making and delayed normal EEC business. The crisis, according to EEC diplomats, could come in the next few months as the EEC's annual farm price negotiations get under way. For France, one of the main beneficiaries from the EEC budget, these negotiations are of crucial political importance.

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As peso's value slides Economic crisis hits Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 8 (R) — Mexico, one of the world's largest oil producers, is suffering from a rapidly depreciating currency because of reduced oil revenues, a huge balance of payments deficit and high inflation.

The director of the Central Bank, Gustavo Romero-Kolbeck, predicted last October that the peso would gradually fall to 28 to the dollar by the end of this year. But a 12 percent decline in 1981 accelerated to an annual rate of about 15 percent in January and the peso is already down to 26.

If it continues to depreciate at this pace, the peso would end the year at 33 to the dollar, financial analysts said.

Oil revenues fell by \$6 billion last year as a result of the oil glut while Mexico's current account balance of payments deficit rose to almost \$11 billion from \$6.6 billion in 1980.

The continuing glut, which forced Mexico to cut its heavy crude price by \$2 a barrel last month, holds little promise for Mexico's economy this year, the analysts said. The slump in oil sales last summer set off devaluation talk in banking circles here and financial sources said about \$4 billion left the country around July and August as confidence in the currency waned.

But public spending cuts, the quick recouping of last oil contracts and reassuring words from Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo substantially calmed nerves here and abroad. "I will fight like a dog for the peso," Lopez Portillo told journalists at the time.

He blamed much of the lack of confidence on what he called speculative foreign press reports. But he has since said that market forces would decide the future of the currency. Mexico last formally devalued its currency in 1976 by 40 percent and the financial havoc it caused convinced the government it must avoid a repeat.

But financial sources told Reuters that while an outright devaluation would have few short-term advantages, the rate of creeping devaluation should be accelerated. "It should be allowed to decline to at least 35 to the dollar...that is a 25 percent decline over the year," an international banker said.

The Analyst pointed out that another major reason for the weakening of the peso was Mexico's inflation rate in comparison with the United States with which it transacts more than 70 percent of its trade.

"The United States had single figure inflation last year while Mexico officially registered 28 percent," one analyst said, although many private business organizations believe

that 35 percent would be a more accurate 1981 figure.

A difference in inflation rates of this magnitude adversely affects business dealings between the two countries while rising prices have hurt tourism, one of Mexico's major foreign-currency earners. The peso is freely convertible into dollars and Mexican banks have been forced to offer record peso interest rates to encourage people to keep their money in the currency.

Peso 12-month deposits attract around 33 percent interest against 13 percent for dollar savings. But industrial borrowers have to pay more than 40 percent for credit and trade sources said the limit at which they would be crippled was fast approaching.

Financial sources said the arguments against an outright devaluation were strong because the government's \$48 billion foreign debt would leap in peso terms, far outweighing the advantages of a boost to the stagnant non-oil export sector or a curb in imports.

Many companies, faced by a sharply increased foreign debt overnight, would collapse. Mexican private external debt is estimated by trade sources at between \$15 and \$20 billion.

While the analysts agreed that this year resembles 1976 in many respects — similar financial pressures combined with an imminent change in administration — they said that important differences remained.

Shipowners told not to hike fleet

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Intercargo, the international Association of Dry cargo shipowners, has asked members to refrain from ordering new bulk carriers until the freight market picks up.

The organization has 135 companies operating 760 ships. It urged members to resist tempting price and low credit offers by shipyards hungry for work. Further ordering would simply prolong the imbalance between supply and demand, forcing down profits, it said.

Intercargo went further. It urged members, wherever possible, to obtain delays in the completion of orders they have already placed, unless the new ships were covered by long-term chartering or were replacing vessels sent for scrap. The organization asked companies to try speeding up sales for scrap or at least lay up more ships.

position and EEC rules could be changed to stop this from happening. What happens now is still open to conjecture, as no more negotiations on the budget have been scheduled between now and an EEC summit here at the end of March.

Lord Carrington would still like a settlement on the budget and on rebates to Britain to be achieved at or before the March 29-30 summit. He made this clear in letters to Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, the current president of the EEC council of ministers, and to EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn earlier this month.

New 1981-82 EEC farm prices should in principle be approved by the start of April, when new marketing years for importing products like milk, beef and sheepmeat begin. But if the nine other EEC states try to corner Britain by demanding a vote, Britain could refuse to accept this, claiming that a decision on farm prices against its will would infringe vital British national interests.

In taking such a line, Britain would simply be following in the footsteps of France, which established the so-called "Luxembourg compromise" on the dogma of national interest in January 1966.

Norway oil finds set at 9,000m tons

OSLO, Feb. 8 (AFP) — The Norwegian Oil and Energy Ministry Moody estimated Norway's reserves in the North Sea continental shelf at 9,000 million tons in terms of the total oil equivalent.

At current prices, these reserves are worth 100 times the annual budget of Norway, the Norwegian news agency Norinform said. About 40 percent of reserves are in the form of oil, the amount being 4,700 million tons. Gas reserves are around 5 million cubic meters.

The reserves in newly exploited fields or probes northwards from the 62nd parallel were estimated at 900,000 million cubic meters. The oil ministry said there are also 300,000 cubic meters of gas at Sleipner field. Sector 31 of the North Sea may well contain Europe's biggest gas deposit.

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U.S. mulls action on Polish debt

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (R) — President Ronald Reagan will, if necessary, force Poland into default on its \$26 billion debts to the West, but to do so could cause severe economic dislocation in Europe, a senior White House aide has said.

Presidential counselor Edwin Meese said in a television interview that such action would also "inevitably plunge a whole series of banks into a position where they have to call in their loans and probably will have them wiped out."

Last week, the Reagan administration announced it intended to pay American banks the \$71 million in interest owed to them by Poland on U.S.-government backed loans.

The money is part of \$1.6 billion Poland owes banks for American grain and agricultural products. The U.S. government guaranteed they would be paid in event of default.

Meese denied that the administration had "bailed Poland out" and said when the

February interest payment became due, the situation would be reviewed. The payment "was part of our total strategy. The president decided not to invoke the default clause right now... he still has that option... I'm sure if it's necessary, the president will exercise it," Meese said.

But such a step would force governments in Europe to bail out their banks, cause a rift with the allies and probably have a negative effect on the Polish people. "It would bring Poland and other countries in the Eastern economic bloc under the domination of the Soviet Union," he said.

Reacting to the Western moves of imposing sanctions on Poland and the Soviet Union, a Polish deputy finance minister said that the withholding by Western governments of new credits for Poland was a "unilateral suspension" of last year's agreement on delaying repayment of Warsaw's debts due in 1981.

"We want to solve the credit problems

through negotiations. If other solutions are forced on us, we will not be responsible for that," Deputy Minister Antoni Keras told Polish journalists, the official news agency PAP reported. It did not elaborate.

Under an accord concluded in Paris last April, Warsaw's 15 main Western creditor governments agreed to defer for eight years repayment of \$2.6 billion due in 1981.

Karas said that economic restrictions imposed by the United States and other Western nations were aggravating Poland's current difficulties, and bearing adversely on its balance of payments.

Washington's suspension of a traditional credit for financing purchases of American maize would hurt poultry breeding in Poland, which was based on maize feed, he said. He added that the banning of Polish fishing boats from U.S. waters would cost the Polish economy an annual 100,000 tons of fish which were sold on domestic and American markets.

Canada acts to bolster trade

OTTAWA, Feb. 8 (R) — Canada, more heavily dependent on trade than most Western countries, is streamlining its diplomatic machinery to help businessmen win more contracts.

In an aggressive drive for exports announced by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, trade and economic matters will get top priority in foreign policy.

A revamped external affairs department will get full responsibility for trade for the first time, aided by parallel changes in internal economic management to boost regional economic development in Canada.

"The government is reorganizing to launch a major national effort to aggressively pursue international export markets for resource products, manufactured goods, and services that are produced in every region of the country," Trudeau said.

The promoted minister of state Ed Lumley, a former businessman who heads Canada's official trade drive, to full minister's status and moved his department from the industries ministry into external affairs. "It's going to streamline the decision-making process," Lumley told Reuters in an interview. "What we want to do is to give a higher profile to trade."

Trudeau cited several reasons for the new emphasis, including increasing complexity and competition in export marketing and financing. He himself has thrown his political weight behind Canadian sales efforts by traveling to countries where Canada has hopes to secure major contracts, such as South Korea, Nigeria, Mexico and Saudi Arabia.

Lumley aims to fit in one overseas sales trip a month and says he plans to stress Canada's interest in capital projects abroad, especially in developing countries, which will mean more sales of Canadian capital goods.

Energy development, urban transport and

communications are high-technology areas in which Canada has expertise and Lumley hopes to help win more contracts for Canadian companies.

But Canada is working against an international image as poor relation to the United States and a simple provider of raw materials like wood and wheat, though more than 70 percent of its exports are manufactured goods, Lumley says.

"We want to improve our visibility internationally," he adds. "A lot of people who want technology and look to North America think of the United States and don't think of Canada."

"We have always had a good reputation in terms of our foreign policy, the whole North-South development. But a lot of people — even our own people — think of us as hewers of wood and drawers of water."

Canada turned in a trade surplus of \$6.5 billion (\$5.4 billion) last year, down 16.6 percent on the record surplus of 1980 of \$7.8 billion (\$6.3 billion). Such trade figures would be the envy of many countries, but Canada needs flourishing international trade to survive.

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Deutsche Mark (100)	—	132.75	132.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	—	3.50	3.52
Egyptian Pound	—	93.00	93.15
Emirati Dirham (100)	—	57.50	57.25
French Franc (100)	—	54.00	56.95
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	37.30
Iranian Rial (100)	—	6.50	—
Israeli Sheqel	—	27.50	27.30
Italian Lira (1,000)	—	—	14.65
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	10.01	9.94
Jordanian Dinar	—	12.05	12.01
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	70.80	70.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	59.00	62.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	—	32.60
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	41.70
Portuguese Escudo (100)	—	6.40	6.38
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	94.00	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	162.35
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	181.00	180.40
Swiss Franc (100)	—	58.00	63.50
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Token strike disrupts life in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Feb. 8 (R) — Belgium's Socialist unions staged a 24-hour strike Monday to protest against government economic policies, disrupting public transport and closing down many factories.

It was the first big challenge to Prime Minister Wilfried Martens' plans to impose an economic austerity program in a bid to pull the country out of recession, using special powers to govern by decree granted by parliament last week.

Throughout Belgium, members of the Federation Generale du Travail de Belgique (FGTB) staged pickets and held rallies and demonstrations to protest against government plans to curb wage indexation and increase taxes.

The worst-affected area was Wallonia, the French-speaking southern half of Belgium which has been severely hit by economic recession. Trains were halted, steel, glass and engineering plants and other factories were closed, state schools were shut and French-language radio and television programs suspended. "In Wallonia, it's a total strike," FGTB Secretary General Georges Dehonne told Reuters.

Egypt, Ethiopia sign trade pact

CAIRO, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Ethiopia and Egypt have signed a \$25-million trade agreement under which Egypt will import foodstuffs from Ethiopia and export industrial goods and food products to Ethiopia, the weekly paper *Maya* reported here Monday.

The deal was announced by Egyptian Minister for Supply and Trade Ahmad Nohh after a visit to Addis Ababa. Nohh, who attended a meeting of African trade ministers while in the Ethiopian capital, also said that he had agreed with his Ethiopian counterpart that there should be an exchange of delegations from the two countries' economy, industry, military production, agricultural and supply ministries. He expressed satisfaction at the "cordial spirit" which dominated his talks with the Ethiopian minister.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — New car sales at 114,296 units in Britain were 16 percent down in January compared with a year earlier, trade figures showed Monday. January imports were 59.77 percent of sales against 52.96 percent the previous January. However, Japanese sales were only 9.24 percent against 12.3 percent a year earlier.

OTTAWA (AP-DJ) — Canada's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate declined to 8.3 percent in January from 8.6 percent in December, *Statistics Canada* said. December's rate was the highest jobless level since March, 1978, when it also reached 8.6 percent. The seasonally adjusted number of unemployed last month totaled 983,000, down from 1,026,000 in December. Before seasonal adjustment, the jobless total was 1,096,000 or 9.5 percent of the workforce compared with 945,000 or 8.3 percent of the workforce a year earlier.

MOSCOW (AFP) — Soviet scientists have developed a new type of chewing gum based on the sap of evergreen trees, Novosti news agency said. The gum will be extracted from larch trees, and a small amount of additive will provide taste.

Financial Roundup

Dollar tastes mixed fortune

By J.H. Hammond

JEODAH, Feb. 8 — The dollar opened to a mixed set of results Monday in Europe, with no significant gains or losses being registered by late trading. Eurodollar deposit rates remained stable with some slight rises recorded in the very short tenors of under one month, taking week fixed Eurodollars to 15 7/16-15 9/16 at one stage. On the exchanges, the German mark and French franc came under renewed pressure but the British pound managed to hold its ground at 1.8600 levels. In the bullion markets, gold traded within a narrow range of \$384/386 with little buying support being seen. Domestically, rival deposit rates had another quiet day with most operators hardly venturing to deal beyond the two month tenor and with spot rial/dollar exchange rates not moving beyond 3.4200-10 for most of the day.

The European cautiousness was marked this Monday when the European markets opened. Dealers contented themselves with covering some positions left over from Friday and in some cases reducing their dollar exposures. Eurodollar interest rate trends were not very clear Monday and European dealers were waiting to see the results of New York's first trading sessions before committing themselves on the dollar. One month dollar interest rates traded quietly at 15 9/16-15 11/16 percent while the one year tenor was slightly higher at 15 1/4-15 1/2 percent.

In the European exchanges the British pound maintained its strength at 1.8610

levels by mid-day despite opening lower at 1.8590 earlier in the day. Once again this week, the Bank of England did not actively intervene in the market, allowing the pound to find its value on the bourses. The German mark was weaker though, at 2.3490 levels despite some moderate Bundesbank support as was the French franc which fell back to 5.9730 by late trading. The Japanese yen benefited from some late importer purchasing of that currency to marginally improve its position from 234.60 to 233.40 on Monday.

In the local exchanges, rial/dollar spot rates did not alter much during the day from opening levels of 3.4200-10 but some activity was reported at 3.4205 range. Local dealers were hesitant to build up their dollar positions and were also awaiting New York's opening trends. In the money markets, rival deposit rates continued to remain fairly static with almost flat yield curves obtained. Rates opened at 14 1/4-14 1/2 percent for all tenors but by closing had altered slightly to take the one month JIBOR to 13 3/4-14 1/4 percent and the one year to 14 1/4-14 1/2 percent levels. Week fixed was in demand at 13-14 percent while "overnights" dropped back slightly to 12 1/2-13 percent.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per tray ounce):
London 378.85
Paris 377.25
Frankfurt 383.00
Zurich 381.50
Hong Kong 383.72

Tea exporters debate prices

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8 (R) — Eighteen tea exporting countries, faced with low prices and rising costs, opened talks here Monday on proposals for an international pact to secure better prices on the world tea market.

The five-day meeting sponsored by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) will discuss a draft tea agreement already approved by India, Sri Lanka and Kenya, the world's largest tea producers and exporters.

The agreement, drawn up in Nairobi last September at an UNCTAD conference at-

tracted by the three nations, outlines plans to introduce export quotas and minimum prices and to set up buffer stocks to stabilize prices at times of overproduction.

Some major tea exporters attending the New Delhi conference, including China and Indonesia have expressed reservations about the way the quotas are drawn up in draft agreement, conference sources said. But UNCTAD's commodities chief L. Hulgulle appealed to the participants to confine discussions to the principles on the distribution of quotas and not go into details.

He said world tea prices had fallen by 25 percent between 1972 and 1980 because of oversupply. "Tea producers will have to swim or sink together," he added. Only Brazil and Turkey among the 20 leading tea producing countries have not sent a representative to the conference.

London stock market

LONDON, Feb. 8 (R) — Equities and government bonds drifted lower in lacklustre trading, dealers said. At 1500 hours the *Financial Times* index was down 5.3 at 572.8.

Early caution was prompted by a smaller than expected fall in U.S. money supply Friday and President Reagan's 1983 budget proposals, they added. U.K. retail sales and prices data had no impact and the easier trend was underpinned by the lower New York opening.

Leading shares were off as much as 9p, as in GEC, and Golds also eased but North Americans were mixed.

Government bonds ended as much as 3/4 point down at the long end. Smith Aubyn was quoted at 36p ex rights against 48p on Friday in a subdued discount house sector. The leading banks were off as much as 4p though Natwest was unchanged at 430.

Speculative interest pushed Eagle Star and Fison up 3p and 7p respectively. Bechem, Hawker Siddeley, Lucas and Plessey fell between 5p and 7p.

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Al-Muthannab Municipality	Lighting of side streets	10/3	500	13-2-82
		401/402		

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2.	Nopal Argus	Alireza	Vehicles	8.2.82
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5.	Hellenic Prida	Alpha	Gan/Contrs/Rice	6.2.82
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7.	Yannis D	A.A.	Barley	1.2.82
8.	Kota Malest	O.C.E.	Taxile/Gan/Durra	3.2.82
9.	Bora II	O.C.E.	Stl/Gan/Contrs.	7.2.82
10.	World Trader	Bamaodah	Barley	7.2.82
11.	Podgora	A.A.	Bagged Barley	1.2.82
12.	Goldan Yanbo	Al Hawi	Stl/Tim/Gan/Contrs	2.2.82
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14.	Balidar Zaa Dawn	Kanoo	Rice/Flour/Oil	2.2.82
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18.	Atlantico	Alsaabah	Bulk Cement	5.2.82
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21.	Al Banderi	Alpha	Bag Barley/Sorghum	3.2.82
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23.	Ajwa	Baghdadi	Wheat	8.2.82
24.	Tropicana	O.C.E.	Apples	7.2.82
25.	Kametan	Algeziroh	Gan/Cam/Steel	6.2.82

2. RECENT ARRIVALS:

El Keshawi	Fayez	Potatoes	7.2.82
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World Trader	Bamaodah	Barley	"
Shahinez	Fayez	Gen/Potatoes	"
Tropicana	O.C.E.	Apples/Gen.	"
St. Louis	Razayat	Contrs/Ld Mty	"

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13.	Uni Luck	SSMS	Steel	7.2.82
14.	Maldiva Privilege	Quf	General	5.2.82
15.	Hallanik Sky	Guif	Rice/Gen.	7.2.82
16.	Acropolis	SSMS	Steel Sers	25.1.82
17.	Ayasha	Gosaihi	Bagged Barley	25.1.82
18.	San Pedro	Razayat	Containers	7.2.82
19.	Tricolor	Barber	Bulk Barleys	5.2.82
20.	Ocean Confidence	Barber	Bulk Barleys	5.2.82
21.	Tricolor	Barber	Containers	7.2.82
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NEW PRODUCTS AND PROCESSES

Apple Computer Tries Again

Apple Computer, Inc., of Cupertino, Calif.—the company that virtually created the personal-computer business in 1976—has introduced a revamped version of its third-generation machine. The Apple III, a desk-top computer for businessmen, educators and other professionals, was both a technical and sales disappointment when it first came out in the spring of 1980. Now the manufacturer has redesigned the machine to make it more dependable, more versatile—and less expensive. An important technical improvement on the "new" Apple is an increased memory capability—256 kilobytes compared with half as much on the earlier version—that uses less power. This is said to make the machine more reliable. A mass-storage system that can be added to the basic computer enables it to store 5 million characters—equal to 1,200 single-spaced pages. To take advantage of its power, the Apple III is now offered with a number of computer-application programs for general data processing, financial forecasting and word processing. One new program even allows the Apple III to be used for the first time as a remote work station. Adapter kits to upgrade the performance of the original Apple III machines will be available in the Kingdom of S. Arabia from Riyadh House Est.

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To claim Molson crown

Lendl storms past McEnroe

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 8 (AP) — Czechoslovakian Ivan Lendl beat John McEnroe, the world's No. 1 player, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 Sunday to win the \$350,000 Molson Tennis Challenge.

Lendl, ranked second internationally, earned \$125,000 for his victory in the eight-man, round-robin tournament, while McEnroe, who lost to Vitas Gerulaitis in the final here last year, received \$75,080.

Lendl, who swept Gerulaitis 6-2, 6-0 in the semifinals Saturday, used a variety of passing shots to beat McEnroe, who defeated Peter McNamara of Australia 6-2, 6-4 to earn the

final berth. Both players served well in the three-hour, 15-minute match that had only three service breaks and excited 13,400 fans with its high level of play.

The turning point in the match was the tiebreaker in the third set when Lendl stormed back from a 6-3 deficit with five straight points to take the set. McEnroe had built up his advantage with three aces, but Lendl chipped away at the lead with a series of passing shots — a backhand winner down the line, another crosscourt and a forehand down the line.

"After the aces, I said 'ok, let's go down the

line," said Lendl, describing his strategy in the tiebreaker. "He (McEnroe) was so surprised by that, that he missed the shots." Every service break in the match determined a set.

Lendl, who fired 17 aces during the match, started strongly in the first set and eventually took McEnroe's serve in the 11th game. McEnroe, with 16 aces overall, hit two consecutive double faults — he had five in the match — and further buried himself with a missed volley.

Lendl, capitalized on this by forcing McEnroe into a missed smash to take a 6-5 lead, and he served out the set. In the second set, McEnroe fought from a love-40 deficit in the fourth game — with the help of a deftly placed drop shot from the back of the court and a backhand cross-court winner — to break Lendl's serve. Holding a 3-1 lead, both players served out the set in McEnroe's favor.

After the third-set tiebreaker, both players breezed through their first two service games. McEnroe escaped a service break in the fifth game when he called two straight aces. But he wasn't as lucky in the 11th game when he fell behind on his serve due to a combination of unforced and forced errors. Lendl finished off the break of serve with a sizzling forehand crosscourt winner.

McEnroe almost broke back in the 12th game when he held double-break point after similar errors by Lendl. But an ace canceled McEnroe's last break point and after holding match point twice, Lendl won the match when a McEnroe volley went long.



Ivan Lendl...takes McEnroe by surprise

Vilas walks away with title

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Feb. 8 (AP) — Top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina beat his countryman Alejandro Ganzabal 6-2, 6-4 Sunday in the final of the \$75,000 Argentine Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here.

Vilas, who won the tournament last year, took home \$20,000. Ganzabal, the 21-year-old brother of former Argentine Davis Cup player Julian Ganzabal, pocketed half that

For an effective voice in FISA
Drivers form new body

PARIS, Feb. 8 (AP) — Leading Grand Prix racing drivers Sunday announced the formation of a new international association to defend the rights of professional racing drivers.

The Professional Racing Drivers Association will replace the existing Grand Prix Drivers Association, which is contesting the right of the International Auto Sports Federation (FISA) to impose sanctions for a one-day strike at the South African Grand Prix last month.

France's Didier Pironi, president of the GPDA and president-elect of the new

body, said after a meeting of drivers here that they believed FISA had broken its own rules when it imposed fines and suspensions for their action. The meeting was attended by 14 of the 31 active Grand Prix drivers with five others voting by proxy.

Austrian Niki Lauda, the double world champion who has made a comeback this year after two years of retirement, will be Pironi's deputy in the new organization. It is based on similar bodies formed by tennis and football players internationally and will seek a larger voice in FISA decision-making than drivers have had.

In a statement after the meeting the drivers said they wanted to participate in the Argentine Grand Prix, currently suspended because of the uncertain situation, but gave no indication they would pay fines levied by FISA.

FISA President Jean-Marie Balestre was understood to have continued negotiations over the weekend to try to save the Argentine race, which the organizers have said also is in financial difficulty. Balestre has indicated a statement on the race is likely to be issued Monday.

Unruffled Sadri stages rally

DENVER, Colorado, Feb. 8 (AP) — Hard-serving John Sadri, capitalizing on his opponent's temper and tantrums, defeated Andres Gomez of Ecuador 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 Sunday in the final of the United Bank Tennis Classic.

Sadri, ranked 53rd in the world and the runner up in this tournament last year, earned \$50,000 for his effort. It was only the second tournament victory in his three-year pro career.

Sadri, 25, suffered a service break in the ninth game of the first set as Gomez, a topspin specialist who likes to whistle shots from the baseline, had two passing winners in the game. Gomez then held serve in the next game to win the set.

But Gomez's lack of composure got the better of him in the second set. Disturbed

because official had not authorized a full complement of linesmen and distracted by photographers, he angrily bit several balls into the net and one into the stands. With a full crew of linesmen on hand for the final set, each player held serve until the seventh game, when a passing shot and an overhead by Gomez were both called wide. Gomez disputed both calls, screaming that's two points in a row.

Sadri broke through in that game to take a 4-3 lead. At the change of court, the 21-year-old Gomez put on a sweater and grabbed his sweatpants and rackets, as if to walk off the court.

Sadri, trying to remain calm throughout the confusion, fell behind in the next game, but held service, and he ultimately closed out the match.

Jaeger wins extended tussle

DETROIT, Michigan, Feb. 8 (AP) — Top-seeded Andrea Jaeger stormed back in the final two sets Sunday to defeat Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia and claim the \$150,000 Avon Championships of Detroit 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

After playing inconsistent tennis to drop the first set, Jaeger used seven service breaks in the last two sets to sweep past her 25-year-old opponent. The 11-year-old schoolgirl, ranked fourth in the world among women pros, earned \$30,000 for the victory. Jausovec, who was seeded second, won \$15,000.

Gulraiz 'tricks' Abahsain to win in EPCL

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Feb. 8 — Abahsain 'GCC's Gulraiz put to shade the efforts of two batsmen in the Eastern Province Cricket League (EPCL) with a superlative bowling performance last weekend.

Gulraiz's haul of five wickets for three runs off 2.7 overs — which included a hat-trick — caused a side of the Pepsi, which was shot out for a paltry 53 in 13.7 overs. Abahsain rattled up the requisite runs with composure ease, losing three wickets in the bargain.

The two centuries last weekend were Dr. S. Beg, who crossed the magic figures after two unsuccessful but close attempts, with 121 not out at Dhahran and Khalid Nabl, scoring his third successive century, also at Dhahran.

In the first set, Jausovec broke Jaeger's service in the fourth game, securing it with a drop shot after the teenager had returned an overhead smash. Jaeger was broken in the sixth game, also as she double-faulted twice. The second set was riddled with service breaks: Jaeger earning four, Jausovec three.

The two duelled with high-top spin volleys, but Jaeger benefited more from the strategy, rushing to the net on several occasions to hit winners on short returns by Jausovec. Jaeger jumped off to a 4-0 lead in the final set, breaking Jausovec twice.

Olson improves his indoor mark

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Feb. 8 (APF) — Billy Olson of the U.S. improved his own world best indoors pole vault performance here Sunday in clearing 5.72 meters. The 23-year-old had cleared 5.71 meters on January 23 in Toronto. Olson said later, "On my current form, I think I am capable of clearing 5.75 meters perhaps next week at the Milrose Meeting in New York." Olson is one of the stars in the record-breaking field for the Milrose meeting.

with a tally of 216. But Khalid framed the early attack and then set a fast pace to lead Petromin to a seven-wicket verdict. His unbeaten 100 was well supported by a hreezy 40 by Iqbal Merchant and 51 by Imran Manzoor.

Of the two games at Dammam, the Al-Quraysh CC-Lahore encounter took a curious turn with Al-Quraysh team inexplicably leaving the field after holding a slight edge in the proceedings. Al-Quraysh hit 210 in its prescribed overs and after claiming two Lahore's wickets for 65, left the field and gifted the match to Lahore.

While Flour Arabia triumphed over SCECO Cricket Club in the other encounter at Dammam, Abil Mir (72) and S. Murtaza (49) were the architects of Flour Arabia's modest tally of 198. But a splendid bowling performance by Jamshed Mir, who took six wickets for 27, enabled Flour Arabia shoot out SCECO for a mere 104 to grab victory.

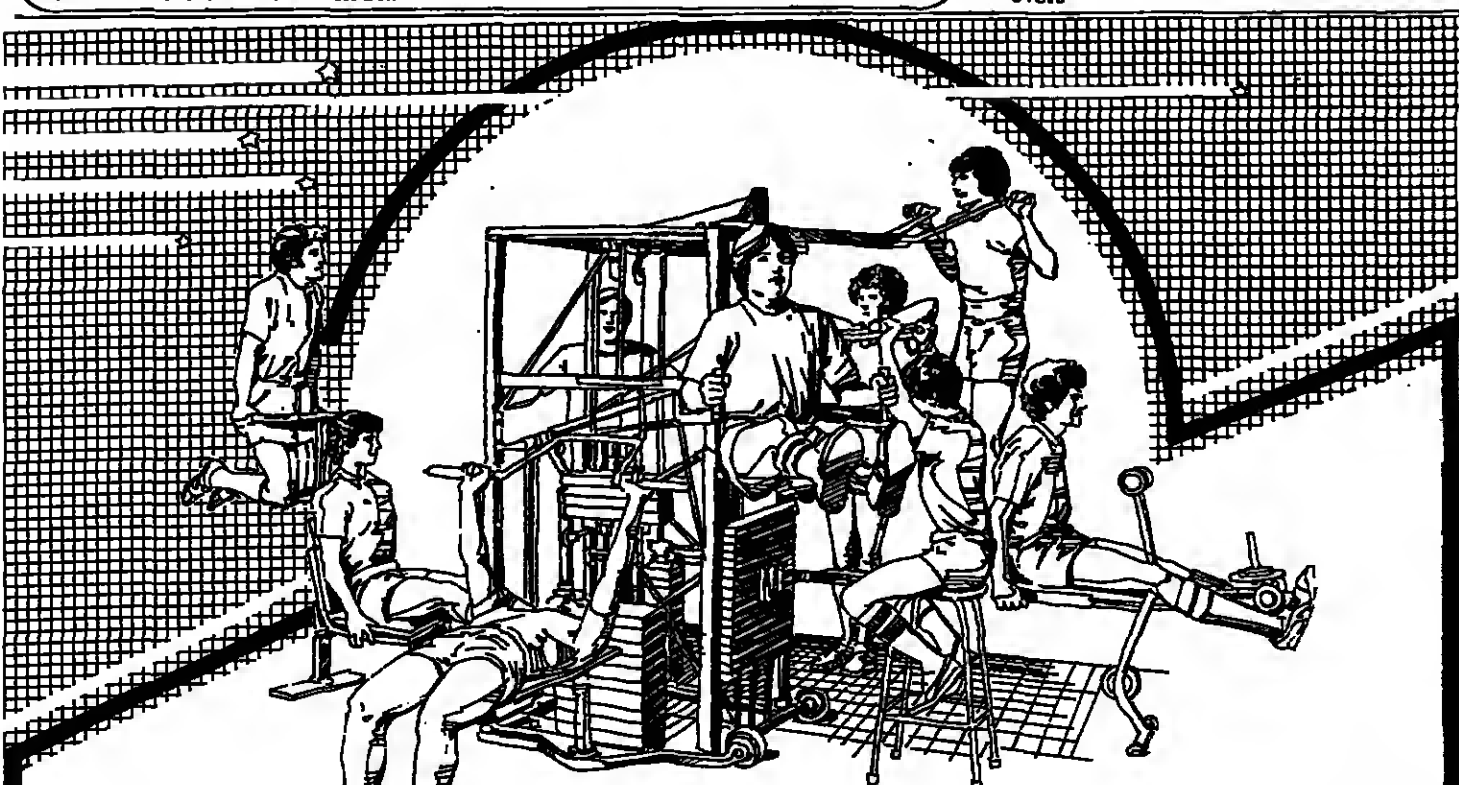
At Al-Khobar, the home team fared miserably against Saulex. Al-Khobar could muster only 100 to its innings and the target proved within easy reach of the Saulex batsmen. J. Müller (5 for 34) and Allan Glass (3 for 21) took the fight out of BACC, which tallied 95, and coaled Bechtel Jubail Cricket Club (BJCC) to record a 77-run victory. BJCC had earlier scored 172 for nine wickets in its 30 overs.

Brief scores

Saudia (EP) CC 216 in 30 overs (Nasir 69, Asif Dar 41 n.o., Hamid 29; Habib Sheikh 3 for 46, Mumtaz Chowdhury 2 for 26) lost to Petromin CC 217 for 3 in 28 overs (Khalid Nabl 100 n.o., Imran Manzoor 51, Iqbal 40, Asif Dar 1 for 16, Youssoufuddin 1 for 56, Nadeem 1 for 59).

UPM SSF 252 for 4 wickets in 30 overs (Dr. S. Beg 121 n.o., Waseem 41 n.o., Atif 31, Iftikhar 24; Liaquat 2 for 63) beat UPM 1 141 in 20 overs (Barry Walker 24, Manzoor 41, Rashid Khan 28; Afzal 4 for 9, Asif 2 for 16, Afzal 2 for 38).

Bechtel, Jubail Cricket Club 172 for 9 wickets in 30 overs (S. Ahmed 58, D. Rice 24, A. Khan 3 for 19, P. Skelton 2 for 42) beat BACC 95 in 16.7 overs (J. Prie 24; J. Miller 5 for 34, Allan Glass 3 for 21).



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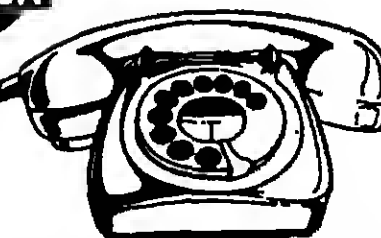
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After taking 20-point advantage

Celtics fail to hold Lakers' last period burst

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (AP) — Coach Bill Fitch has hit the heights with his Boston Celtics. But Sunday he hit the depths. "I couldn't begin to tell you how bad I feel," he said after the team squandered a 20-point lead in the third quarter and lost a 119-113 National Basketball Association decision to the Los Angeles Lakers. "This is the pits."

Playing at their own cozy Boston Garden, the defending NBA champions had a 74-54 lead with .023 left in the third period. Then the Lakers made their move behind Michael Cooper and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who combined for 28 points in the fourth period. Jabbar finished with 35 points, Cooper had 31. "It was more patience than confidence," said Keith Wilkes, who scored 26 for the Lakers.

The Lakers made their dramatic rally without the help of one of their most potent offensive forces, Magic Johnson, who was out with a foot injury. Jabbar, who had been putting his emphasis on defense lately, was more offense-minded this time. Robert Parish and Nate Archibald had helped the Celtics build a 66-52 lead at the half and their 20-point bulge in the third quarter before the Lakers rallied. Parish finished with 29 points and

England dashes Malaysia's hopes

SINGAPORE, Feb. 8 (AFP) — England and New Zealand, seeded third and fourth respectively in the World Junior Squash Team Championships, overcame their toughest hurdles in their respective pools Monday to be assured of being among the finalists.

New Zealand scored a narrow 2-1 win over Singapore in Pool "B" while England had an easy 3-0 win over Malaysia in Pool "D", thus dashing the hopes of both countries of finishing at least in the second spot in their respective groups.

Singapore's only victory over New Zealand was Peter Hill's win after a tough 53-minute battle against Danny McQueen. Top seed Pakistan had a walkover over Nigeria in Pool "C", while defending champions Australia scored an easy 3-0 win over Hong Kong. They had a walkover from Finland Sunday.

Wales recorded a 3-2 victory over Thailand. The loss put the Thais out of contention and the Thai team would be returning home after the preliminary rounds Tuesday and would not take part in the playoff for minor placings.

Archibald 18.

In other NBA action, it was Golden State 116, San Antonio 111; Houston 126, Kings 110; Philadelphia 123, Chicago 107; Milwaukee 107, Phoenix 92; Devoer 124, Washington 115; New Jersey 110, Cleveland 94; Seattle 99, San Diego 97 and Portland 100, New York 98.

Warriors 116, Spurs 111: World Free had 31 points and Joe Barry Carroll added 22 to lead Golden State over San Antonio. The Warriors led by as many as 23 points, with 1:58 remaining in the third quarter, but found themselves desperately staying off the Spurs in the fourth period. Free and Carroll combined for the last seven Golden State points to assure the victory. George Gervin, the league's leading scorer with a 32.5 average, scored 38 points for the Spurs.

Rockets 126, Kings 110: Moses Malone scored 47 points as Houston beat Kansas City for its fifth straight triumph. Malone, who now has scored 145 points in the last three games, collected 14 of his game total in the final period, including the Rockets' final seven points. Reggie King scored 29 points for the Kings, who lost their ninth game in the last 10.

Croft, Gavin share glory in Paris swim meet

PARIS, Feb. 8 (R) — Britain's June Croft and American Patty Gavin dominated the Boulogne short-course Swimming International which ended Sunday by winning seven of the 26 gold medals between them.

Gavin took the 200 meters butterfly Sunday to help the U.S. team to 11 of the 26 titles in the three-day 24-nations meeting. Croft triumphed in Sunday's 100 meters freestyle to bring Britain's title haul to six, the same number as the Soviet Union. Two other gold medals went to East Germany and one to France.

Gavin, 17, already winner of the two individual medley events, was too strong for her rivals in the butterfly. She reached the 100 meters in one minute 04.55 seconds and kept ahead to win in 2:14.39, 0.61 seconds clear of Sonja Hanslader, who set an Austrian best performance in second place. Croft, 18, aimed to set another Commonwealth best in the 100 meters after doing so earlier in the weekend for 50 meters and 200 meters freestyle.

But Croft tired on the final length and came home in 55.46 seconds, 0.19 seconds slower than her own mark. She said later: "I

76ers 123, Bulls 107: Bobby Jones scored 23 points and Mike Bantom 22 to lead Philadelphia past slumping Chicago. The loss was the sixth straight for the Bulls, their longest of the season. The 76ers scored the first six points of the game and never trailed. They led 31-21 after one period and 94-75 at the start of the fourth quarter. David Greenwood led the losers with 26 points.

Bucks 107, Suns 92: Scott May and Brian Winters each scored 23 points to help Milwaukee beat Phoenix. Trailing by 12 points, the Suns rallied behind Alvan Adams, Larry Nance and Jeff Cook to pull even at 87. But Winters, who scored 11 of his points in the fourth period, regained the momentum for Milwaukee with a pair of jumpers and the Bucks never lost the lead.

Nuggets 124, Bullets 115: Dan Issel and Alex English combined for 56 points, leading Denver over Washington. With the score tied at 105, Denver went on a 10-2 streak to build a 115-107 lead. The Nuggets then withstood a mild Washington rally to record their seventh victory in the last 10 games. English scored 20 of his 31 points in the second half for Denver, the NBA's leading offensive

team with a 123-point average. Issel finished with 25. The Bullets were led by Spencer Haywood's 24 points.

Nets 110, Cavaliers 94: Ray Williams scored 25 points as New Jersey beat Cleveland with a third-quarter surge. The Nets took control of the game after Cleveland had rallied from a 60-54 half-time deficit to tie at 64 with 7:41 left in the third quarter. Doots Walker and Albert King then scored six points each as the Nets blanked Cleveland 16-0 over the next 6:34 to take a 70-64 lead.

Sonics 99, Clippers 97: Gus Williams' 20-foot jump shot broke an 86-86 tie and triggered Seattle past San Diego. Williams paced the Sonics with 21 points, while center Tom Chambers led San Diego with 19. The victory was the straight for the Sonics.

Blazers 100, Knicks 98: Calvin Natt made the key plays down the stretch to lead Portland over New York. Natt gave Portland the lead for good at 93-92 with 1:20 to go. Seconds later, he knocked down a New York pass and got the ball to Jim Paxson, who's layup gave Portland a 95-92 margin with 1:04 remaining. Portland's Mychal Thompson led all scorers with 28 points, while Sly Williams paced the Knicks with 25.

Denmark barring 3 players
Tennis tourney threatened

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 8 (AP) — The organizer of this country's first Grand Prix Tennis Tournament was under pressure Monday to cancel the pro tourney if the Danish government stands firm on its decision to bar three players because of their connections with South Africa.

Palle Christiansen, organizer of the Danish Indoor Championships, said the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) and the International Tennis Federation (ITF) were taking a wait-and-see attitude until he could talk to Danish Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen, probably Wednesday.

In Paris, ATP Secretary-General Paul Svehlik said International Pro Tennis officials were "very surprised at the Danish decision" but would like to "reach an understanding with the Danish government rather than withdraw the tournament's Grand Prix sanction."

Olesen denied entry visas to pro tennis stars Ray Moore, Kevin Curren and Ray Patterson because, in Olesen's words, "The Danish government rejects cooperation with South Africa in the field of sports."

Christiansen charged that Olesen's decision was based "on the wrong information" because the players were not representing South Africa as Olesen maintained, that Patterson is a citizen of Zimbabwe, and that all three live in the United States.

Christiansen said he was seeking a meeting with Olesen when he returns to Denmark from the European Security Conference in Madrid, probably Wednesday. Svehlik said that unless Olesen reconsiders, the ATP would be forced to revoke the tournament's Grand Prix status, probably forcing Christiansen to cancel it.

As Stadler goes astray
Simons grabs 2-stroke victory

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Feb. 8 (AP) — Jim Simons, at one point five strokes back, managed to avoid the rocky disaster that grabbed Craig Stadler and, with a 6-under-par 66, scored a two-stroke victory Sunday in the 41st Bing Crosby National Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

Simons, 31, acquired the third victory of his 11-year tour career with a 274 total, 14 strokes under par. While Simons played steadily and scored well in the cool, cloudy weather, the story was composed as much by the misfortunes of Stadler as the surge of Simons.

After a spectacular start, the front-running Stadler had a five-shot lead with 10 holes to play. But, as quickly as he struck, with an eagle on the second hole and a blitz of three consecutive birdies later on, just so quickly did it all come apart. He made double bogey

on the ninth after hitting it into the rocks on the beach on Carmel Bay.

Stadler, waved away a nearby cameraman on the 14th, then missed the green with a wedge in his hand and bogeyed, and, still tied for the lead, before he jerked one into the rocks again. This on the 17th again a one-putt bogey. That one was decisive.

It sent Stadler, the winner of the Tucson Open that kicked off the 1981 American tour, reeling with a final round of 70 and second place at 276. No one else really got in the title hunt.

Jack Nicklaus simply couldn't get his putting in order. He managed a two-putt birdie on the second hole, then saw hole after hole go by two-putt pars, at least three of them less than 10 feet in length. He got a couple of birdies immediately after the turn, and then came to a sudden stop.

BRIEFS

HOBART, (AP) — A rearguard action by Australia's batsmen put them back in contention on the first day of the second under-19 youth Cricket Test against Pakistan at the Tasmania Cricket ground Monday. Australia, at one stage 61 for five, made 213, and hit back to put Pakistan at 21 for one wicket by close.

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, (AP) — Joanne Carner with a par 72 scored a 1-stroke victory Sunday in the \$125,000 LPGA Elizabeth Arden Classic. Carner, one of the four players tied in second spot going into the final round, had three birdies and three bogeys to finish with a 5-under-par 283. Washam finished second, while Vicki

Singleton ballooned to a 3-over 75 to tie with Sally Little for third.

KUALA LUMPUR, (AP) — India will play the winner of a Philippine-Indonesian match in the Asian Nations Cup Tennis Championship here Feb. 14-21. Results of the draw for the 150,000 Ringgit (\$55,033.60) tournament, was announced Monday by Malaysian Lawn Tennis Association secretary G.N. Rajan.

COLOMBO, (AP) — The English cricket team led by Keith Fletcher, which arrived Saturday, opens its tour Tuesday with a three-day game at the new International Cricket Stadium at Kandy, 72 miles from here.

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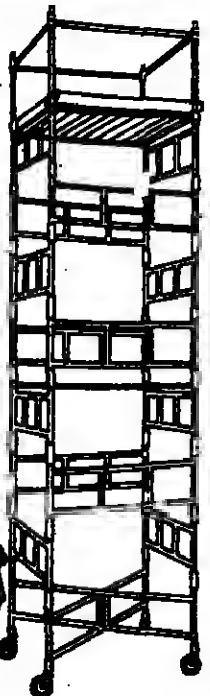
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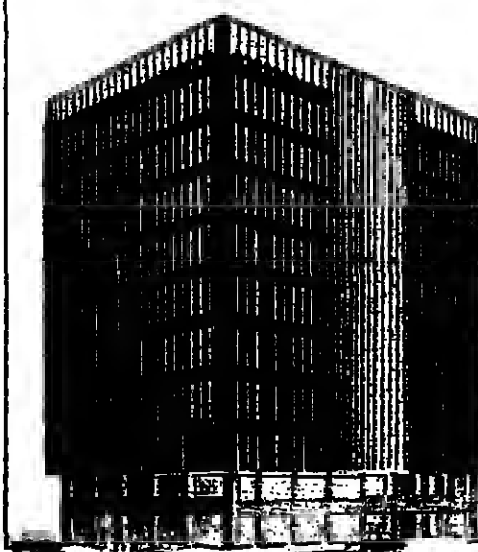
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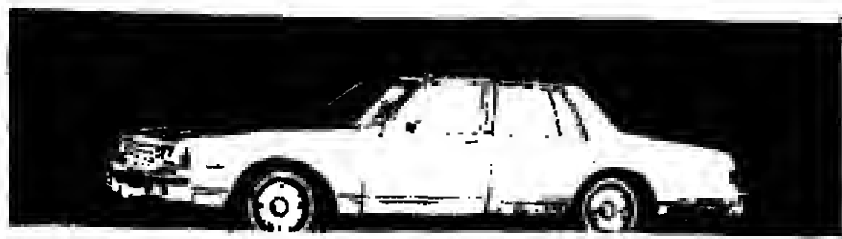
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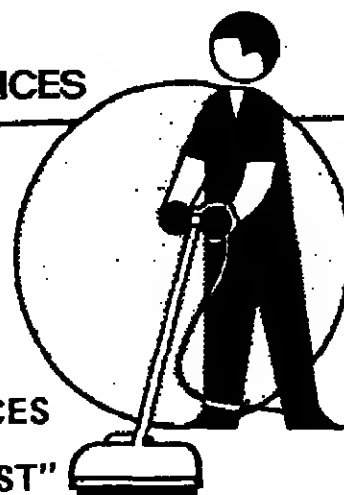
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At Madrid meeting

Joint West offensive planned over Poland

MADRID, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Western governments, preparing a joint offensive over martial law in Poland, aligned tactics Monday to meet an expected Communist filibuster at the European security conference.

The marathon meeting on East-West détente resumes Tuesday after a two-month recess, with Poland a crucial issue that could force the 35 nations involved to adjourn for a long cooling-off period. Angry clashes are expected when foreign ministers and other top officials from 18 Western and neutral countries try to speak on the Polish crisis, ignoring Soviet Bloc claims that military rule in Poland is solely Warsaw's business.

NATO, the European Economic Community (EEC) and neutral and nonaligned delegates met separately in caucus groups, hoping to avoid a procedural battle over the West's insistence on putting both the Soviet Union and the Polish military regime in the dock. U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was meeting West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher Monday night in a late effort to ensure Western unity over tactics at the 15-month long conference.

Haig said on arriving in Madrid Sunday night that the Polish crackdown represented "a fundamental and perhaps fatal threat" to the process of European dialogue started in Helsinki in 1975 at the first of three European security conferences.

In recent weeks, the U.S. has urged that the Madrid meeting should be wound up quickly and adjourned to show there can be no "business as usual" while martial law continues in Poland. But West Germany has called for the East-West dialogue to be maintained. Western officials said Haig appeared to be backing

off from an earlier U.S. view that the West should take the lead in pressing for the conference to be adjourned until next September or October.

Both the West and the neutrals agree that progress on outstanding issues such as disarmament and human rights is virtually impossible in the present highly charged international atmosphere. Western officials said they expected the conference would keep going until at least next week, and that the eight-nation neutral and nonaligned group would eventually rally a consensus in favor of a cooling-off period.

Neither the West nor the Soviet Bloc wants to be seen as taking the initiative in suspending the "Helsinki process". Haig, Genscher, French External Affairs Minister Claude Cheysson and other leading Western ministers are due to speak at a closed session Tuesday. British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and other ministers plan speeches on Poland on Friday.

By a procedural quick, Tuesday's session will be chaired by Polish deputy foreign minister Josef Wicjacz, who has drawn up his own list of speakers, believed to be heavily weighted in favor of the seven Soviet Bloc delegations.

Another list, drawn up by the Netherlands, which is technically in the chair until midnight tonight, includes speakers representing NATO and neutral nations. If all 25 nations preparing to speak are called, the meeting could develop into a prolonged and acrimonious late-night session. Western officials fear that Communist delegates will use filibuster tactics — speaking for long periods on a variety of issues — in an attempt to limit the time available for the West.

Bread rationing planned

Poland to restrict union

WARSAW, Feb. 8 (AP) — The Polish government Monday proposed tough restrictions for reviving the Solidarity union under martial law in a sweeping economic and social reform program published here.

At the same time, the official media warned of possible bread rationing if grain purchases from Polish farmers fail to improve, the first such warning after official denials that bread rationing was planned. In other developments, the Communist Party daily *Trybuna Ludu* Monday published a report on the fatal clash between miners and police in the "Wujec" mine near Katowice, in the most detailed account so far of how seven miners died last Dec. 16.

The council of ministers meeting Friday, adopted the program that includes orders on plans for improving wages, housing, the media, opportunities for youth and economic and agricultural production.

The communiqué was published in major papers Monday, and stems from a speech to parliament three weeks ago by premier and army leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski who declared the nation under martial law last Dec. 13. While calling for sweeping reforms, the program also stresses the need for Poland to become economically self-sufficient while

maintaining and developing closer ties with other Socialist countries.

But Western observers also noted that it contains tough language about reviving trade unions and provides less optimism than a resolution on similar subjects adopted by the parliament after Jaruzelski's speech. The communiqué says "authentic, self-governed representation of working people should be harmoniously connected with the primary aim (of) consolidation of the state and socialist democracy".

Another passage stressed that "solutions" to organizing the trade union movement would be based on the will of workers and crews in "conditions of peace and responsibility for Poland's future," meaning under martial law. Trade union sources have said in the past that the authorities are planning to revive the trade unions, including Solidarity, after state-planned elections of leaders to replace those interned since martial law was declared.

In addition, recent statements by some party officials have said that the unions organized after Aug. 1980 agreements that brought Solidarity into existence were opposition groups, rather than elements of the state.

Indonesia expels Soviet diplomat

JAKARTA, Feb. 8 (AP) — Indonesia has expelled a Soviet diplomat and arrested a Soviet citizen on charges of espionage, the Foreign Office announced Monday.

It said the assistant military attaché of the Soviet Union, S.P. Egorov, was declared persona non grata and ordered to leave the country within 24 hours. Informed sources said Egorov, who left Jakarta last Saturday, was arrested at a restaurant while receiving an important document from an Indonesian military official Friday. He was not identified.

The arrested Soviet citizen was identified as Alexander Fineko, head of the Soviet Airlines office Aeroflot in Jakarta. Fineko, who did not carry a diplomatic passport, was said to be a top member of the Soviet intelligence agency KGB. The KGB agent was arrested when bidding farewell to Egorov at the Jakarta Halim International Airport.

Fineko was arrested after a skirmish between some Soviet diplomats and Indonesian intelligence officers at the airport. The announcement said that "in the skirmish, an official of the Soviet Embassy hit an Indonesian security official who started the fight."

The foreign office said "Fineko has been sought by the security agency because there were strong indications that he was involved in the case that caused the persona non grata of Egorov." Efforts by Indonesian authorities to make a quiet arrest of Fineko failed when Soviet officials fought off Indonesian security officials at the airport, the announcement said.

Another Soviet diplomat joined Fineko and refused to be separated from him. He also was arrested by the authorities. The diplomat identified as G.M. Odariouk, later was released following an investigation of his passport. Sources said Fineko was still under detention.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office issued a protest to the Soviet government on the conduct of Soviet diplomats at the airport. "Consequently, the Soviet government should bear full responsibility for the events. Relations between the Soviet Union and Indonesia are badly affected by the event," the Foreign Office said.

A senior Indonesian diplomat said it was the first time a Soviet diplomat had ever been declared persona non grata by Indonesia. "The Indonesian government is shocked to find a diplomat from a country that has friendly relations with us was involved in activities that were very damaging to Indonesia," the Foreign Office said.

The Foreign Office said Soviet Ambassador Ivan F. Shpedko was informed of Indonesia's decision to expel Egorov Friday, one day after his arrest at a restaurant. The ambassador was summoned by Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja to the foreign office two hours before the announcement was made. The meeting lasted one hour, officials said.

The ambassador was accompanied by his deputy chief of mission, A.I. Khelnitski.

As deadline draws to a close Laker rescuers hopeful

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP) — A London bank said Monday it was optimistic it could bail out Sir Freddie Laker's broke airline empire, but a bank-appointed receiver said he'd probably start selling off chunks within 48 hours.

As contributions and pledges to save Laker Airways continued to pour in from schoolboys, businessmen and even royalty, receiver Bill Mackey of the accounting firm Ernst and Whinney said he'd start taking bids for Laker's lucrative package tour operation, Laker Air Travel, by the end of the day. "I would be prepared to settle a deal by tomorrow night," he said.

Britain's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) also has set a deadline, saying it will remove the airline's license to fly unless officials are satisfied by Thursday the group can be saved. But Fred Fisher, executive director of the London-based Orion Royal Bank, a subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada, said efforts to form an international consortium with 35 million pounds (\$64.7 million) in fresh capital for Laker had met with an "encouraging" response.

"Things are looking good," Fisher said. He added he would know by late Thursday whether his bid had succeeded. Mackey, however, said any rescue effort stood little chance of success.

"The problems of Laker have been known for some time," he said. "Some of the best financial brains in London have been working on them and trying to find a solution for months. They didn't come up with anything then."

Freddie, who pioneered cheap trans-Atlantic travel in 1977 with his no-frills sky train remained in seclusion. He announced Friday his airline had gone bust debts of \$359 million, and all his aircraft were immediately grounded.

His staff, manning desks without pay, reported Monday that donations totaling 3,500 pounds (\$6,475) had been handed in Sunday at the airline's Gatwick airport ticket counter. "Children have been giving their

pocket money and pensioners have been handing over 50 pence (92 cents) pieces," said a staff spokesman. "Overnight we've received telegrams, telexes and telephone calls from all over the world wishing us luck."

Prince Michael of Kent, a cousin of Queen Elizabeth II, sent Laker a telegram saying he was shattered by the news and is backing him all the way. Save Laker funds launched around the country by admirers of Sir Freddie's no-nonsense business methods, reportedly gained more than 750,000 pounds (\$1.3 million) in pledges in 24 hours.

The 2,500 Laker employees planned to march in London Monday to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's 10 Downing Street residence with an appeal not to let the airline go under. The airline's 300 pilots and flight engineers offered to work at minimal wages — "dole money" — to help company fly again.

The financial crash caught hundreds of people with Laker round-trip tickets stranded overseas and blocked Britons seeking mid-winter sunshine vacations with Laker package trips. By Sunday night, between 2,000 and 3,000 British holidaymakers had been brought home from the U.S. and Western Europe by other airlines honoring Laker tickets, including state-run British Airways, Pan Am, TWA and Air Florida.

The airline collapsed on a combination of falling revenue, fierce competition from other airlines and a slump in the value of the British pound from \$2.40 to \$1.85 in the last 12 months.

Meanwhile, to the strains of Sir Edward Elgar's pomp and circumstance tune "Land of Hope and Glory," Laker Airways staff hoping to save Sir Freddie Laker's collapsed airline rode into London singing a new "Laker anthem" Monday.

Stewardesses left Laker headquarters at Gatwick airport by bus for London, where they marched to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's 10 Downing Street office to appeal for government aid.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al-Khazem

After a deep and extensive study, a team of scientists has arrived at and decided to make public the following facts, herein given to you free of charge in the interest of a happier existence all around:

The best way to lose weight, it was found, was through exercising just before a meal. The body burns more energy then, while, at the same time, the appetite is drastically reduced.

And, for those who play golf, it was found that by heating the ball first you can drive it much further. So don't forget to pack a little primus next time you're out on the links.

And if your time is so precious you think an egg takes too long to fry, then add a drop of vinegar to the frying oil. The effect is to cut the cooking time by half. Don't forget after that to throw away your vinegary egg in disgust...

And the best time to clean your bathtub is right after a bath, as the heat and steam make dirt removal that much easier.

Further, contrary to what you might think, cheese is not the food most favored by mice. They can, in fact, take it or leave it, as several experiments demonstrated. What they really can't resist is peanut butter — which is what you should put in your mouse traps instead of the customary piece of cheese.

And did you know that it is easier to peel an orange when it is at room temperature than when just taken from the fridge. The cold, it seems, tends to congeal the peel around the orange, so remember to warm it up a bit...

Sorry the list doesn't include any solutions for life's deeper troubles, but you have got to start somewhere...

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awsat

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British alliance split over employment bill

LONDON, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Britain's year-old Social Democratic Party (SDP), coping with reported declines in popularity and leadership divisions, is also facing its first major policy disagreement over the Conservative government's employment bill.

The bill, one of the government's pet projects, aims to limit the power of unions and has been hotly opposed by the labor and union movement. Leaders of the SDP and the Liberal Party, which just concluded a centrist electoral alliance, have said they would support the bill at its second reading in the House of Commons Monday.

The decision has triggered internal dissension, and many of the 28 SDP members of

parliament — who include 26 former members of the opposition Labor Party — have made known their refusal to support the government bill because of what they consider its anti-union implications. The party has also been plagued by the question of leadership and still has no designated head.

After two days of talks this weekend, the SDP and Liberal parties agreed to appoint a common leader who would become prime minister if the alliance won the next parliamentary elections.

Liberal leader David Steel told the BBC in an interview Sunday that the SDP would choose its own leader later this year. Main candidates are Roy Jenkins and Shirley Williams.

He said that subsequently the two parties would meet to decide who would be prime minister in event of victory. Reliable sources said the choice might not necessarily be between the then SDP and Liberal Party leaders but could involve other prominent party members.

The two parties have also hickered recently over the distribution of candidates, which Steel blamed for the drop in support for the SDP-Liberal alliance revealed by an opinion poll Sunday in *The Sunday Times*.

Though still on top, the alliance dropped in popularity from 44 percent to 34 percent in the poll against 33 percent for the Conservatives and 31 percent for the Labor Party.

IRA launches bomb campaign

BELFAST, Feb. 8 (AP) — Bombs exploded at a golf club, a country inn and a hotel in Northern Ireland Monday in an apparently coordinated series of lunchtime attacks, police said.

The Irish Republican Army brigade in South County Down said in a statement it was responsible for one of the bombings: at the Crown Hotel in Warrenpoint, Co. Down, where bombs started a major fire.

The statement from the IRA said the attack was part of a coordinated bombing campaign against commercial targets.

There were no reports of injuries in any of the bombings but damage was extensive, police said.

Jim Craig, spokesman for the Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's police force, said the bombings may have been a reprisal for weekend police raids that netted 43 suspected terrorists and several weapons and explosives caches.



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Amsterdam	5	41	7	45	rain		Manila	18	64	29	84	clear	
Athens	4	39	15	59	clear		Mexico City	10	50	24	75	clear	
Bahrain	13	55	18	64	cloudy		Miami	23	73	25	78	cloudy	
Bangkok	25	77	31	88	clear		Montreal	-18	0	-8	18	cloudy	
Beirut	6	43	15	59	clear		Montevideo	-24	-11	-16	3	clear	
Berlin	2	36	8	46	rain		New Delhi	8	46	21	70	cloudy	
Brussels	5	41	10	50	rain		New York	-7	20	4	40	clear	
Buenos Aires	23	73	30	86	clear		Nicosia	5	41	11	52	cloudy	
Cairo	6	43	15	59	cloudy		Oslo	-7	19	-4	25	cloudy	
Caracas	19	65	28	82	cloudy		Paris	7	45	11	52	cloudy	
Chicago	-6	21	3	36	cloudy		Rio de Janeiro	20	68	31	88	cloudy	
Copenhagen	0	42	4	39	cloudy		Rome	4	39	14	57	cloudy	
Dublin	3	37	10	50	cloudy		San Francisco	9	40	13	56	clear	
Frankfurt	1	34	7	45	cloudy		Seoul	-12	10	-4	25	clear	
Geneva	1	34	12	54	clear		Singapore	25	77	33	91	cloudy	
Helsinki	-19	-2	-16	3	clear		Stockholm	-5	23	-2	28	snow	
Hong Kong	15	59	16	61	cloudy		Sydney	19	66	28	82	clear	
Jakarta	23	73	31	88	rain		Taipei	12	54	18	64	cloudy	
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	32	90	rain		Tokyo	-1	30	7	45	clear	
London	5	41	9	48	cloudy		Toronto	-9	16	-5	23	cloudy	
Los Angeles	10	51	20	68	cloudy		Vancouver	-4	25	6	43	clear	
Madrid	1	32	16	61	clear		Vienne	-3	27	2	36	cloudy	